# French magazine raises new doubts on Maxwell death

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By LIN JENKINS

THE leading French magazine Paris Match yesterday published details from a video recording of the second post-mortem examina-tion on Robert Maxwell, carried out just hours before he was buried

Photographs of the newspaper publisher lying on the medical table, including close-ups of his face. illustrate the ten-page article which alleges that he was beaten before he died. Last night, a representative from the weekly was in-London trying to sell the 80-minute long recording of the four-hour examination to recoup the cost it had

paid to an undisclosed source. The feature quotes from the conversation between members of the medical team, commissioned by Maxwell's insurers, and publishes conclusions from French experts who believe it shows he suffered severe bruising before he died. Last night, Dr Iain West, head of

forensic medicine at Guy's Hospital, London, who led the team, rejected the findings and said the conclusion drawn were incorrect. "The published extracts are not a correct account. They are just snatches of things said and there is also a problem of translation. It is not accurate to suggest we were saying that his injuries were not

consistent from just falling from a

Paris Match prints photographs taken from the video showing Maxwell's body with three of the medical team around him, as well as close-ups of his face, head and right shoulder alleged to show bruising and abrasions. Snippets of the conversation among the medical team are also quoted, but the conclusions drawn come from a retired pathologist and a leading private criminologist in France.

Dr West, who was called in by insurers to conduct the examination in Israel, said some of the misinterpretation could have come from the difficulty in translating

the conversations, conducted in Hebrew and English, into French. The comments made about the

blood - what we were referring to was that there was so much blood following an autopsy. There is no question that it was caused as a result of the first autopsy." He added: "The examination showed injuries. We were saying

some of the injuries could have been caused after death and some could have been caused during recovery of the body." John Fisher, the claims underwriter for the syndicate who wrote the £20 million insurance policy on Maxwell, who was aged 68 when he died at sea, said Dr West had given him no

suggestion that the body showed signs of violence.

The original post-mortem examination was conducted by three pathologists on Gran Caneria where Maxwell's body was taken after being hauled from the sea after he disappeared from his yacht Lady Ghislaine on November S. Dr Carles Lopez de Lamela, who led the team, said he found only three small lesions on the body and was still of the view that Maxwell had suffered heart failure, probably before he went into the water.

Others who saw the body while in the Canary Islands and before it was flown to Israei also said they had seen no evidence of extensive bruising or a broken nose. Sebastian Sanchez, of the undertakers Fucasa, who embalmed the body, said: "His nose was not broken and the only damage was where he had been sewn up and where the heli-copter picked him up."

Chris Lafayette, deputy editor of the magazine, said in London last night that he stood by the opinion of the experts who thought Maxwell had suffered blows to the body. Loic le Ribault, he said, was a renowned criminologist and was qualified to give his view.

Julio Claverie, the Maxwell family lawyer in Tenerife, challenged the French expens to produce new evidence to the Spanish court.



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worship the saintly Barbara Bush. So why do they despise American imports? Page 12

## **Bush wins** little from US-Japan trade deals FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

PRESIDENT Bush com-pleted his trade mission to American worker." Mr Miya-Japan last night with a pair of accords aimed at promoting a world economic recovery, creating jobs in America and adjusting the huge trade imbalance between the two countries.

But while Mr Bush claimed success in his efforts to open the market, businessmen and economists derided the agree-ments as likely to have little effect on the American recession or its \$41 billion trade . deficit with Japan.

Mr Bush, bouncing back to. work after his bent of gastric-flu, insisted yesterday that his talks with Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, had "led to a levelling of the playing field" for American businessmen seeking more opportunities. "This progress:

## New moves

to curb IRA A Roman Catholic man. aged 28, was shot dead by Loyalists in Northern Ireland yesterday as the gov-ernment introduced new measures to stem IRA bombings in Belfast.

The announcements were criticised by Unionists who called for a more concerted approach. Sinn Fein said it was time the government abandoned its security-led policy and opened talks...... Page 2

### Second blow for Halford

Alison Halford, Britain's most senior woman police officer faces a renewed disciplinary enquiry into allegations of drunkenness after being suspended from duty for a second time last

night.
Miss Halford, aged 50. faces allegations that she rendered herself unfit through drunkenness while in charge of Merseyside police ....

### Flu strikes Figures to be published today by the Royal College

of General Practitioners are likely to reflect a substantial rise in flu cases in Britain .....

## Snow havoc

The first severe weather of the year yesterday caused chaos in some areas with roads closed and villages flooded. Up to six inches of snow wrought havoc on roads in mid-Wales Page 2

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zawa added that something had to be done to correct the imbalance or "one of the par-ties concerned may well fall into protectionism". The two leaders signed a

"Tokyo Declaration", pledg-ing economic and political cooperation and measures to stimulate world growth, and an "Action Plan" addressing specific issues. "As the two largest market-oriented economies and democracies in the world, Japan and the United States accept a special responsibility for shaping a new esa and resolve so jobs in a global partnership to help build a just, peaceful and prosperous world," the declaration said.

In the trade talks, Japan's biggest concession came from its car manufacturers, who agreed to double their annual purchases of American car parts to \$19 billion by 1994. They also promised to help to sell 20,000 more American cars. Other corcessions involved agreements to make it easier for American computer, glass and paper manufacturers to sell their goods. although there were no specific targets or penalties for Japanese firms that failed to fulfill promises "to make ut-



Tokyo partners: President Bush and Kiichi Miyazawa, Japan's prime minister, shake hands after a trade deal meant to create jobs in America

most efforts". Asked if the pledges for increased imports ere "embarrassingly low", the Ford chairman Harold Poling told journalists:

"You're pretty close." Both Mr Bush and Mr Miyazawa need trade accords to boost their chances in an ction year, and their rhetoric masked the hostility of the hours of talks between their negotiators. American business and political leaders claim that numerous market obstacles prevent them exporting to Japan, while Tokyo counters that it is being made a scapegoat for America's

economic ills. Japanese leaders say American goods do not sell because they are unsuitable or of poor quality. Japan, long branded pro-

tectionist, also accused America of violating free trade principles by demanding sales targets for its products in ailing industries. Nicholas Brady, the US Treasury Secretary, further emphasised the tensions when delivering a speech to Japanese MPs on Mr Bush's behalf: "Without progress we may be in for rough weather," he said. "I must be frank in saying that there are prob-

lems in our economic

20 days of December exceeded imports by \$2.97 billion more than three times the period of 1990. Further fig-Automobile Importers' Association showed that sales of all imported vehciles fell by 199,922 — just 3 per cent of the total market. American

relationship."

The scale of the problem

was highlighted by figures issued yesterday showing that Japanese exports for the first surplus recorded in the same ures issued by the Japan 10.7 per cent last year to cars accounted for only

30,128 of those sales, and half of those were made at Japanese plants in the US.

In the light of such statistics. American businessmen and economists were pessimistic about the impact of the trade pacts - even setting aside the low value generally accorded to Japanese promises. Lee Iacocca, the Chrysler chairman who was one of 18 executives accompanying Mr Bush, mocked the plan to increase American car sales by 20,000. "It doesn't sound like a lot of cars," he said.

Jesper Koll, economist at S G Warburg Securities (Ja-

pan), agreed. "The likelihood is that the real economic impact will be negligible and that it will do little to create jobs in the USA." And Robert Feldman of Salomon Brothers Asia, added: "The underlying problems of labour. technology and investment are not solved by a couple of extra billion dollars' worth of auto parts. The real issue is: what is the US doing to become more competitive?"

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## Ravenscraig aid falls foul of EC

THE creation of an enterprise zone in north Lanark-shire to limit the economic and social damage caused by the closure of the Ravenscraig steel plant is not a certainty, it emerged yesterday. Sir Leon Brittan, the EC

commissioner in charge of European competition policy, said any application would need "very careful consider-ation". He was speaking after many people had come to believe that Brussels had given its backing to the initiative announced yesterday.

Last night, a commission source said that Sir Leon was "hopping mad" that John Major and Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, had announced a £50 million cash injection for the Lanarkshire economy without any apparent reference to EC rules.

Although EC officials emphasised that Brussels was not prejudiced against awarding the stricken area enterprise status, Sir Leon was concerned about "highlevel" comments that indicated it was simply a matter for the government to decide. He said: "We have not so far had formal notification of a request to set up such an enterprise zone. We will give it careful consideration when we receive an application."

Yesterday, workers at Ra-venscraig, where some 1,200 will be made redundant, were urged to continue to fight the planned closure despite the obvious hopelessness of any campaign. It would be crazy to give up now," said a campaigner.

Aid resentment, page 2

## **Conservatives pin hopes** on a radical manifesto

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT ment law, more generous tax

RADICALISM allied with simplicity will be the hall-mark of the next Conservative manifesto, senior party sources disclosed yesterday as the prime minister and senior cabinet colleagues spent the day at Downing Street putting the finishing touches to the programme on which they will base their appeal for a fourth term in power.

John Major was joined by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, Chris Patten, the party chairman, Richard Ryder, the chief whip, and John Wakeham, the energy secretary and cabinet publicity chief, for a series of meetings with ministers about the contents of the manifesto and Budget strategy.

Privatisation plans, reform of trade union and employ-

treatment of inheritance, savings and working mothers, and a renewed effort to tackle crime are thought to have been high on the agenda. Mr Major discussed the

Budget with Mr Lamont in advance of the Treasury's weekend meeting at Chevening in Kent. They are thought to have pencilled in March 3 as a likely Budget date, an arrangement that keeps open the option of an election as early as April 9. The Downing Street sum-

mit, which continues today. came as the Liberal Democrats hit the pre-election campaign trail by unveiling a £3.3 billion package to reduce un-employment by 400,000 in a year. Paddy Ashdown, the party's leader, emphasised

that he was offering "no quick fixes" and that it would take time to reverse 13 years of "Tory destruction". The next election would be a last chance for the British people to change the political system through proportional repre-sentation and create a stable

and prosperous economy. At Downing Street, ministers took the opportunity to advance their ideas for the Budget. Ministers are divided over the wisdom of a 1 p cut in the basic rate of income tax. With Labour committed to restoring any reductions, some ministers are pointing to the attractions of further Continued on page 18, col 6

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# Top dogs turn up noses at barking doctor

BY CRAIG SETON

FINDING a barking dog among the 19,895 at Crufts should not have been difficult, but it proved so yesterday at the opening of the annual show, where an animal behaviourist attempted to demonstrate that noisy canines could be silenced by a whiff of a new French perfume.

Roger Mugford, of the Behaviour Centre, Chertsey, Surrey, was at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, to launch a device called Aboistop, designed to be worn like a collar and release a puff of a lemon aroma the

moment a microphone picks up a bark.

The trouble with Crufts' well-bred dogs yesterday was that many were quiet, wellbehaved veterans of the show ring and disinclined to bark at a stranger's command. Dr Mugford, seeking to demonstrate the device to journalists, resorted to barking himself, successfully activating the device, before a keen-cared television crew heard a dog yap-

ping in another hall several hundreds yards away. The noisy collie was sought out and duly rendered silent by a whiff of the artificial perfume, whose canine-calming qualities were discovered by a French vet. It later started barking again, but Dr Mugford said two or three whiffs usually did the trick.

At the heart of the device, a plastic unit about the size of a big matchbox, is a pressurised reservoir which is topped up from an aerosol through a valve. A tiny hat-

from an aerosol through a valve. A tiny battery, a valve and a microchip combine to ensure a half-second dose for any offending wearer. Once a dog began barking, said Dr Mugford, whose device sells at £80 plus VAT. it would fire every two seconds until peace prevailed. "We can vary the sound intensity that gets it going. If you have kennels under the flight path of Gatwick you might set it to work at a higher level." Dr Mugford suggested helpfully. Surveys carried out among the Continued on page 18, col 2

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while in life

## Gunmen kill Catholic as security net is criticised

By Edward Gorman, Ireland correspondent

A ROMAN Catholic man was shot dead in Northern Ireland yesterday as the government faced further criticism over new security measures in Belfast designed to deter IRA bombings.

He was hit by gunmen who shop where he was working at a roadside near Moira. County Down. He was taken to hospital in Lisburn but died shortly afterwards.

The killing is the second of the year in the province and is likely to have been the work of the Loyalist Ulster Volunteer Force. Police said that the victim had no connections with the security forces and they were treating the murder as sectarian.

In Belfast, serious traffic congestion was caused throughout the day by new security measures designed to stop IRA van bombings of the city, centre, which have

times in the last eight weeks. After a meeting between Sir John Wilsey, the General Officer Commanding and Sir Hugh Annesley, the chief constable of the RUC on Wednesday night, several hundred part-time members of the Ulster Defence Regiment were put on full-time duty to operate new checkpoints in support of the RUC. Other soldiers and police fast and other areas of the province. The police said that the new measures, which temporarily increase the fulltime element in the UDR for the second time in as many months, involved mobile and some new permanent vehicle checkpoints that would be manned round-the-clock. The new measures would be kept under constant review.

Some unionists gave the strategy a guarded welcome but Ken Maginnes, Ulster Unionist Party security spokesman, said moving security resources to Belfast would simply leave the IRA free to operate elsewhere with

greater effect.

Mr Maginnes said it should not be the public which suffers the inconvenience of extra security but the IRA, and he called for the re-introduction of internment to dismantle the provisionals' command structure. "The fact that these new measures were forced on the security services epitomises the lack of political courage in the Northern Ireland Office and the government in general in

Nigel Dodds, unionist lord mayor of Belfast, said new measures should be introduced province-wide. The government's decision before Christmas to withdraw from Northern Ireland a tempo-

the battle against terrorism,"



Monitoring role: police officers yesterday manning one of the new checkpoints introduced to support the RUC in Belfast

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rarily assigned extra battalion of troops from the mainland was a "serious error of judgement"

However, although the military and police forces have said privately that more regular troops should be posted to the province, Peter Brooke, the secretary of state, said the decision was taken by Gener-Wilsey and Sir Hugh Annesley. "You might take the view, with hindsight, that different decision could have been taken," he added.

Sinn Fein said the new strategy in Belfast would only erode civil liberties further and worsen the situation. Martin McGuinness, a senior spokesman for the party. said it was time Britain realised that the conflict could only be solved through a political dialogue with all parties involved. "The British government must find the courage to accept that political

 Mr Brooke promised yes-terday that there would be "no let-up" by the security forces in the fight against the IRA (Michael Evans writes). The police and armed forces would have the resources they needed to undertake their difficult and dangerous work", he said.

Speaking at the Royal Uni-ted Services Institute for Defence Studies, London, he said the recent series of "titfor-tat" sectarian murders had spread fear on both sides

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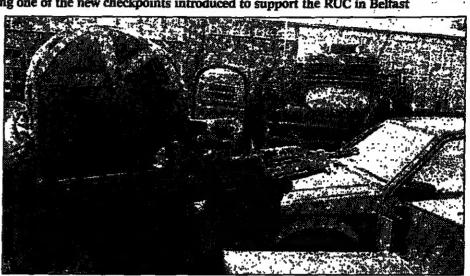
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Hamlets, Wandsworth

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SCOTLAND



Armed response: soldiers in the Falls Road at a 24-hour checkpoint

### Careful channelling of cash identified as crucial for Ravenscraig

Urban develoomen

Boundaries of economic planning regions \_\_\_\_\_

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## Urban aid 'could breed resentment'

AND RAY CLANCY

THE government was warned yesterday that the £4.000 million it spends annually on combating inner city and urban deprivation misunderstanding unless it was properly directed.

The warning, by Dr Robert Rogerson, of Strathclyde University, followed John Major's announcement of urgent measures to assist central Scotland's economy in an attempt to limit the political damage from British Steel's decision to close the Ravenscraig steel complex near Glasgow.

Dr Rogerson, research director of the geography de-partment's quality of life unit, said his research indicated that, in general, the plethora of aid schemes available to deprivation areas worked re-markably well. "There are, however, dangers that financial incentives benefit inward commuters instead of local people because of the levels of skills required by the new companies. This can make local people feel neglected. London docklands is a prime example of this."

Dr Rogerson said it was crucial that any initiative aimed at reviving an area such as Ravenscraig should be concerned with retraining and introducing new skills to the indigenous work force. "It is also crucial that any initiatives include a large element of improving the quality of homes for people as our re-search shows this is perhaps the single biggest element in the perception of improved

life style." Britain 1992, the 43rd handbook from the Central Office of Information, shows in that 1990-1 urban programmes supported 471 new firms, helped to create or preserve 38,000 jobs and supported 80.000 innner city training places. It improved 6,000 buildings and 1,600 hectares of unsightly land as well as 82,000 improvement schemes for dwellings.

An analysis of where urban programmes have been introduced or targeted shows concentrations in central Scotland, the Midlands and inner London. According to the report, these are the areas most in need and councils have received 75 per cent grants towards projects di-rected at economic, social, environmental and housing The schemes range from

the Programme for the Valleys, designed to breathe new life into the old coal mining communities of south Wales. to seven "elite" partnership authorities in Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle upon Tyne, Birmingham and four London areas where the problems are most acute. These place an emphasis on economic and environmental improvements as a key to self sustaining regeneration.

The report paints an optimistic picture for the future of urban areas and predicts a continuation of successful programmes. It says that a further four projects will be set up this year to join 17 already established to help communities tackle crime re-

lated programes.

Spending on the urban programme in Wales is expected to be £38 million in 1991-2 with priority given to the ten most deprived urban areas. Efforts in Scotland are focusing on four partnerships led by the Scottish Office, and the government plans to spend £450 million in urban Scotland in 1991-2. The report adds: "Sustain-

able urban regeneration depends, however, upon the commitment of all those with an interest in the well being of the area.

EC setback, page 1

## Two die in rain and snow storms

BY DAVID YOUNG

THE first severe weather of the year caused chaos yesterday with roads closed and villages flooded. Two people died on the roads.

Up to six inches of snow wrought havoc on roads in mid-Wales while floods hit parts of Gloucestershire, Her-Shropshire.

A man died in a crash involving a car and lony on the storm-buffeted M4 near Chippenham, Wiltshire, and a woman died and two people were injured on the A343 at Hurstbourne Tarrant, near Andover, Hampshire, when two vehicles collided head-on in heavy rain.

The National Rivers Authority gave a warning that the river Teme, a tributary of the river Severn, could rise 18ft above normal overnight and there were fears that the Severn would burst its banks. The NRA is also concerned that the Eye Brook reservoir,

### Legal threat at school

THE governors of an opt-out school were threatened with a High Court action yesterday if they did not reinstate a headmistress suspended for alleged misconduct (John O'Leary writes).

Anne Snelling, who only became head last April when Stratford School, east London, assumed grant maintained status, was suspended on the first day of the new term. The school has refused to comment on the allega-tions, which follow differences over the division of responsibilities between the head and governors.

The National Association of Head Teachers yesterday instructed its solicitors to demand Mrs Snelling's reinstatement. She, and we, unerly refute any suggestion of misconduct on her part," the association said.

near Oakham, Leicestershire might overflow and flooding farm land, homes and buildings. Snow blocked the main A470 road over the Brecon

Beacons at Libanus and police said other routes in the area were passable only with extreme caution because strong winds were causing drifting.

Floods closed the railway linking Manchester with Cardiff at Pontrilas in Worcester and Hereford. The damaged track is not expected to reopen before the weekend. In south Wales police

closed the Severn Bridge to lorries and coaches. Motorists around Abergavenny, Usk and Pontypool had to cope with flooding. In Gloucestershire, several main roads were closed by flooding and snow fell on high ground in the Cotswolds and Forest of Dean.

A pregnant woman was plucked from her floating car as it was being carried away by surging floodwater yester-day. Jackie Owen, 28, was pulled through the window by rescuer Phil Davies as the car floated along a village street like a boat. She ran into the flood in the early morning darkness.

Some of the worst flooding was in Cheltenham where the river Chelt burst its banks and in the Forest of Dean the main Gloucester to Lydney road was closed. West Mercia police said the Worcester to Stratford-upon-Avon road was closed by floodwater and flooding was reported on many roads in Shropshire.

The storms also disrupted Irish Sea ferry crossings operated by Sealink. Sailings between Holyhead. Anglesey, and Dun Laoghaire, near Dublin, and Fishguard, Dyfed, and Rossiare, in County Wexford, were cancelled or delayed.

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### on road building reopens By MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

**Dispute** 

Megalio Megalio

CARLO Ripa di Meana, the mmissioner, last night reopened the dispute between London and Brussels over British road construction schemes on which he has asked for work to stop. The government's reaction

to his request last October, which referred among other schemes to the M3 extension through Twyford Down in Hampshire and the highway which is to cut through the ancient Oxleas Wood in London, had been immoderate, he said, and some of it had left a bitter taste in his mouth. He said bluntly that the government's position was wrong. Signor Ripa di Meana's

request for work to stop on the construction schemes was made in a letter to Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, which accompanied a formal letter opening pro-ceedings against Britain for alleged infringement of Eurooean law in not carrying out proper environmental impact assessments of the projects. It provoked a dismissive reaction from the government.

Last night he said the gov ernment was wrong in think-ing that the EC law in question did not apply to the schemes because they were already in the pipeline when the law was brought in.

Britain was not being singled out for special treatment, Signor Ripa di Mezna added. Proceedings were in hand against ten other states.

### Open verdict on drowned wife

An open verdict was recorded yesterday on the wife of Prince William's personal detective, who was found drowned. Carole Craker, aged 42, of Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, was discovered in a lake at Nazeing, Essex, on December 13 last year, an inquest at Epping was told. She had disap-

peared eight days earlier.

Malcolm Weir, the coroner, was told that Mrs Craker, who was separated from Det Sergeant Graham pression. But he said: "Certainly, there is no indication she took her own life and it would be inappropriate to bring a verdict of suicide."

### Campaign over gay ministers

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Three leading Methodist ministers who fear that homosexuals and bisexuals could be allowed to become ministers without any challenge, have launched a campaign to reaffirm traditional teachings on sexuality.

In an open letter to working ministers they say that church members are "bewildered and distressed" by the current debate on sexuality. They have paid for the letter to be distributed to 2.000 methodists and for its publication in today's Methodist Recorder. The campaign comes when most mainstream churches are struggling with increasingly liberal views on exuality.

### **Kussian** leads

Evgeny Bareev, the Russian grandmaster, held on to his lead in the 11th round of the Foreign and Colonial Grandmaster chess tourna-ment at Hastings, when he outplayed his compatriot Alexei Suerin. Two British grandmasters, Julian Hodgson, the reigning British champion, and Jon Speelman were defeated but Murray Chandler drew with Alexei Shirov, who played under the Latvian flag.

### Post warning

Post Office services will decline unless the separate letters, counters and parcels businesses are better coordinated, the Post Office Users' National Council said yesterday.

Tom Corrigan, the council's chairman, added, however, that the quality of service in the post office had shown "an encouraging improvement", particularly in longdistance mail.

### Potato giant

A potato grown in Saudi Arabia and claimed to be the biggest in the world has been flown to Britain for authentication and a possible place in the Guinness Book of Records. Weighing 30lb and the size of a football it beats by far the current record of 71b loz set 29 years ago in Spalding, Lincolnshire. Two air hostesses were needed to carry the potato from the

## Queen's gundogs win at Crufts

THREE of the Queen's gun dogs — Sandringham Hill, Garry of Tay and East Leigh Flint - were in a team of labradors that won the BASC gamekeepers' regional title at

Crufts yesterday. Irish red and white setter: Sh Ch Spearpoint Sambooka Flambe (S J Humphreys, Chippenham); Re-triever (labrador): Sh Ch Rocheby Popcom (D M Hapkinson, Styrrup. Doncaster): Spaniel (American cocker): Am Can Ch, Sh Ch Piper Hill's King Arthur at Sundust (Y J M Knapper. Ferndown, Dorsett: Spaniel (dumber): Sh Ch Raycroft Socialite (R Dunne, Co Cavan); Spaniel (English springer): Sh Ch Owen Glynn of Robil (K & L Carter, Liverpool): Spaniel (Welsh springer): Sh Ch Russethill Royal Salute over Nyliram (T Graham, Askam, in Furness, Cumbria): German short haired pointer: Levendell

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## Midland councils to run local railway

BY JOHN LEWIS

A £16 million passenger rail network to be run by local authorities in the Midlands. was approved yesterday by the transport department. Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, announced that the government would provide £4 million toward the service, which will run eventually between Lough-

borough and Derby. Leicestershire and Derbyshire county councils propose to build or restore 16 stations on the Ivanhoe line. upgrading a mineral line between Burton on Trent and Leicester and adding track where it runs as a single

line. Work is expected to start next year.

Scheduled services, using Sprinter trains bought by the local authorities and driven by British Rail drivers. is planned for 1994. The project is expected to take about three years. The Ivanhoe line was clos-

ed in 1964 as part of the Beeching cuts. Proposals to reopen the service for passenger transport between Burton and Leicester were extended to include the main line to Derby, with a new station at Willington to service the Toyota plant at Burnaston, Derbyshire. It is also planned to build or re- Swain, chairman of Derbyopen stations at Barrow upon Soar, Sileby and Syston between Leicester and Loughborough.

Leicestershire and Derbyshire councils will run the service in the hope of regenerating northwest Leicester shire and Derbyshire's industrial development areas.

Other councils have expressed interest in similar plans. Nottingham and Derbyshire councils are considering reopening the Not-tingham to Worksop Robin Hood line, giving Mansfield a rail service for the first. time since the 1960s. Eric

shire highways and transport committee, last night welcomed the announcement. "More investment in public transport is essential as we move towards the 21st. century. The Ivanhoe line will provide a direct link from northwest Leicestershire and the Swadlincote area to the industrial areas

of Derby." Tommy Thompson, Leicestershire's planning and transportation director, said the county expected the scheme to help to revive former mining communities in northwest Leicestershire.

# Allegations spelt out as top policewoman is suspended again

BY PETER DAVENPORT

ALISON Halford, assistant chief constable of Merseyside and one of Britain's most senior female officers; was yesterday suspended from duty once again, less than a month after a High Court judge said an earlier decision to order her off work was

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Merseyside police author-ity, which took the decision yesterday after almost four hours of discussion behind closed doors, also made public for the first time the allegation that Miss Halford had

senior officer in charge of the entire force on a July day in

The authority decided to suspend Miss Halford, aged 51, again and order a complete new investigation into the allegations against her, to be carried out by the deputy chief constable of South Wales and supervised by the Police Complaints Authority. Miss Halford, a police-

woman for 29 years, was first suspended 13 months ago

## Halford expected a rough battle

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

ALISON Halford, one of Britain's most senior policewomen, always knew that that there would be a price to pay for taking a tough stand in a man's world. She recognised that a sex discrimination case against the police would be "very rough and very dirty", with her private life under scrutiny.

Since she began her claim, alleging that she was barred from promotion through sexual discrimination, Miss Halford's expectation has been vindicated by a series of damaging allegations highlight-ing the depth of feeling her case has fuelled.

Just days before a preliminary hearing in 1990, allegations appeared in a tabloid newspaper that she had swum in her underwear after drinks at a businessman's house while on duty. She was suspended on full pay from her £50,000-a-year job and

faced disciplinary hearings. Shortly after her suspension in December 1990, and less than a month before the start of her sex discrimination case, a leaked memo drafted by James Sharples, chief con-stable of Merseyside discussed rumours of Miss Halford having a leshian relat-ionship. Part of the memo, written in November 1989, and published by The Sunday Times, read: "For some time there has been gossip and innuendo in the force about Miss Halford's private life. She has a friendship with a female member of the civilian sip and innuendo is to the effect that they are living together and that the relation-

ship is an improper one... Within days, Miss Halford was traced to Malaga, where she was on holiday with Jan Lee, who works for Merseyside police. Miss Halford denied any impropriety in their relationship and said that Miss Lee looked after her dogs and cats when she was working. Miss Halford said that the address of her holiday home was known only to

a few people inside the force and to certain people on Mer-

seyside police authority. At about the same time, George Bundred, chairman of the police authority, with-drew from participation in any disciplinary process against Miss Halford after an allegation that he had described her as a lesbian.

- Last month, Miss Halford won a High Court ruling against disciplinary proceedings being brought against her. Afterwards, Rex Makin, her solicitor, said that the case against her was motivated by perceptions that she was a lesbian. There is a personal vendetta being waged against Miss Halford which has a homophoic nature," he said.

Miss Halford alleged sex discrimination after applying in March 1990 for the post of deputy chief constable of Northamptonshire. She was not invited for an interview. It was the fourth time she had



Halford: suspended from £50,000 job

not been considered when seeking promotion to the next rank. Part of her case, due to be heard in May, is that she was not even shortlisted.

In Police Review, in 1987, Miss Halford suggested inability among senior policemen to cope with a woman of comparable rank. "She is given little of the support, guid-ance or empathy which would be afforded a newly promoted male assistant chief constable," Miss Halford wrote.

been drunk on duty while the action claiming that sexual discrimination by senior officers and the Home Office had blocked her path to further promotion. That case is yet to be heard by an industrial

> The original suspension followed allegations of neglect of duty, disrespectful conduct and falsehood, and centred around an alleged "life-saving" demonstration in the swimming pool at a businessman's home in Wirral, Cheshire, during which she was said to have stripped to

In December last year Mr Justice Macoherson in the High Court said that the decision by senior officers of the police authority to delegate her case to a special commit-tee had "the smell of unfairness about it" and that the authority had acted beyond its mandate.

Miss Halford could have insisted on returning to work immediately after the judg-ment. It was understood, however, that she wanted to await the outcome of yesterday's meeting.

In a statement the authority said it believed it had now complied with procedures and insisted that the allegations should be independently investigated. It said it had decided to disclose details of the allegations "in order to inject some accuracy into the

Miss Halford's alleged ac tivities are all said to have occurred on July 24 1990. while she was a senior duty officer in charge of the Merseyside force and responsible for such decisions as the issuing of firearms. There are four allegations against her. ☐ Allegation one: that she neglected her duty by attending private premises for social reasons, failing to return to duty at all and failing to make contact with the force or re-

port her whereabouts.

□ Allegation two: that she was drunk while on duty on the same day, rendering her-self unfit to carry out her

☐ Allegation three: that she had indulged in discreditable conduct by offering force transport and hospitality to others when it had not been approved or justified and by spending time in a swimming pool with a male officer while dressed only in their underwear and subsequently

Jacuzzi. [] Allegation four that she had lied in connection with the allegations in statements she later made to her chief constable and a Sunday

The statement concluded that it had been decided that Miss Halford should remain suspended from duty on full

pay. Miss Halford's lawyers said she believed it was inappro-

OXFORD COMMITTEE FOR FAMINE RELIEF OXFORD COMMITTEE FOR FAMINE RELIEF CIET SHOP AND COLLECTING CENTRE FAMINE RELIEF GIFT SHOP EVERYTHING ON SALE HAS BEEN GIVEN terday launched a plague of sports celebrities challenging

A hungry Greek girl in Athens in 1943, left, was among the first of thousands worldwide to benefit from the work of the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief. Now known as Oxfam and established in over 70 countries, the charity is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Its first shop, above right, opened in 1948 at Broad Street, Oxford, and is still there. To celebrate its 50th anniversary, the charity yes-

frogs fronted by Leapfrog, a Spitting Image-type puppet. Until February 29, leap day, frogging times. Oxfam's frogs will be trying to persuade as many people as possible to give some of the

year's extra time to raise money (Alison Roberts writes). Sponsored events, all with a froggy theme, include a 1,000mile leap-frog around the country and the "Oleapic Challenge" involving teams of

amateurs to beat leap-

Each minute the public spends helping Oxfam this year will be displayed on a giant mobile clock which will tour the country. John Magrath, a spokesman for Oxfam, said: "We want to log in the equivalent of one million days." A target of £10 million has also been set for

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## **Police** target new drug

By PAUL WILKINSON

CUSTOMS and police are to target the "designer" drug Ecstasy and its derivatives this year as a substantial threat to society. Seizures of the drug, whose effects are often fatal, increased last year by 3,500 per cent.

Douglas Tweddle, the customs chief investigative officer, announcing figures for drug seizures during 1991, said that 473kg of the drug, worth about £33 million, had been confiscated, including one haul of 1.2 million tablets, each with a street value of £20, found inside a sofa imported from The Netherlands through Sheerness in Kent. Police had effectively shut down production lines in Britain, and suppliers were turning to European sources.

could be directly attributed to Ecstasy and other related drugs, he said.

£138 million, topping one tonne for the first time.

Treasury minister responsible for the customs service, said there was little evidence that UK consumption of cocaine had increased dramatically and no evidence it had risen in line with the growth

ages of intensive farming was launched yesterday by

. The society estimates that there are fewer than 5,000 breeding pairs, compared with 12,000 before the second world war. The decline is blamed mainly on the loss of rough pasture where the birds bunt.

At least six deaths last year

Cocaine seizures by customs officers almost doubled last year, rising by 89.1 per cent to 1.061kg, valued at

Gillian Shephard; the

### Charity flies the flag for barn owls BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

A CAMPAIGN to protect the barn owl from the ravthe Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Intensive farming, stimulated by subsidies paid to farmers under the European Community's common agricultural policy, has led to the ploughing of large areas of rough grazing and their replacement with arable crops. The removal of hedgerows has further reduced the supply of food for barn owls, which have also lost traditional nesting sites as barns and other farm



The barn owl: appeal aims to halt decline

Poisons put down to control rats and mice around farm buildings, where owls often come to feed in cold weather, have also reduced

numbers. The society is appealing for £380,000 to support its barn owl "recovery plan" over the next four years. aimed at increasing the number of barn owls by at least 50 per cent by 2010.

Graham Wynne, director of conservation, said: "The plight of the barn owl is symbolic of the larger plight of our wildlife and countryside heritage. The need to reform the common agricultural policy provides an op-portunity to promote new environmentally-sensitive farming methods to restore wildlife habitats."

The society believes that the policy of "set aside". whereby farmers are paid to take arable land out of production, can be helpful to birds and other wildlife. Mr Wynne said that the government should introduce payments to encourage farmers to create wildlife habitats

on their set-aside land. Part of the money the society hopes to raise will be spent on research at three sites in Suffolk which are home to barn owls.

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Kinnock

tax pledge

dismissed

as a myth

BY PETER MULLIGAN

LABOUR'S plan to abolish

the national insurance upper

earnings limit will hit people

on average earnings, not just

those on higher salaries, the government said yesterday.

Michael Jack, junior social

security minister, attacked as

a myth Neil Kinnock's pledge

that only those earning more

than £20,000 a year would be

three million people would

lose out under the "pickpock-

et tax" which would take 9 per cent of income over £390

a week in national insurance

Those hit hardest would be on modest incomes whose earnings fluctuated during

the year due to commission, bomises, overtime or profit related pay. Mr Jack told a

press conference in London.

Because national insurance

was calculated weekly or

monthly, those who earned more than £390 in a week or

£1,690 in a month, would be

raught.

He said that a computer

contributions.

## Lib Dems launch election campaign with PR pledge

THE Liberal Democrats yesterday spelt out their election strategy, proposing a £3.3 billion programme for national recovery which, the party claimed, would create

400,000 jobs in 12 months. Paddy Ashdown, party leader, speaking at the Nat-ional Liberal Club, London, stressed he was offering "no quick fixes or slick solutions", and said it would take time to reverse 13 years of "Tory

He made clear that the party would be fighting the election on constitutional reform, a stable economy and greater investment in training and education, which could result in a one pence increase in income tax.

The party's recovery programme, The First Steps, pledges to achieve national recovery by the year 2000 by increasing capital spending on transport, housing and schools, expanding conservation projects and investing in

Other plans include: A fair votes system for parliamentary elections as a first step towards constitutional

☐ To make the Bank of England independent and put the pound into the narrow band of the exchange rate mechanism to ensure long-term control over inflation.

☐ Environmental grants, subsidies and tax allowances to reduce pollution and conserve energy.

A programme to improve

education and training using an increased proportion of national wealth, focusing on pre-school children, 16 to 18-year-olds and adults. ☐ Investment in local com-

munity services with more spending on health, pensions and social security. ☐ Decisive steps towards full economic monetary and pol-

itical union in Europe.

Mr Ashdown insisted that he would not be drawn into a slanging match during the election campaign. "I will have no part in a negative battle of insults, half-truths and manipulations."

However, he said it was not surprising that the public felt betrayed by the government. "All over Britain, millions of people have seen the illusion of a Conservative economic miracle vanish before their eyes like the morning dew." The next election would be "a last-chance election" for the British public, he said: "The last chance to create a stable and prosperous economy, to invest in education and training, to mean business about environmental protection, to

put Britain at the heart of

Europe and to change the

Pressed on the difference between Labour and Liberal Democrat policies Mr Ashdown claimed that Labour had not committed itself to constitutional reform or a bill of rights. In addition Labour did not favour moving to the narrow band of the ERM and had no anti-inflationary measures to control increased demand. The Liberal Democrats would use "a twintrack" approach, stimulating

the economy while control-ling the inflationary consequences this would create. Unlike the other parties, the Liberal Democrats would also present a fully-costed manifesto, "a menu with prices", he said. The party has already said that its £1.9 bil-lion education package could add 1p to income tax, al-

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though promises of extra spending on health and social security have yet to be costed. Mr Ashdown admitted that under his party the tax thre-shold would be raised, but it would not penalise those earning between £22,000

and £27,000. A top rate of 50 per cent would be introduced with a 33 per cent rate set at £33,000. Des Wilson, the Liberal Democrat's campaign director, insisted that the party would press home its ideas for constitutional reform and proportional representation right through the election campaign. In past elections the party had attempted to raise the issue for a couple of

the other parties.

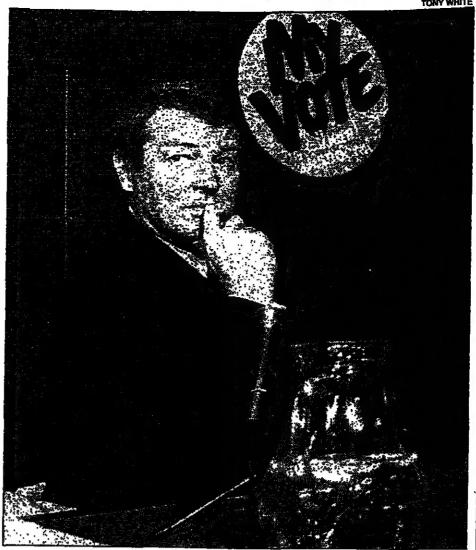
Unveiling the party's election logo, an orange circle bearing the words "My vote".

Mr Wilson said that the party would fight every seat in Eng-land, Scotland and Wales with campaigns on unem-ployment, health and consti-tutional reform.

days and then had "chick-

ened out", dropping it in fa-your of topics highlighted by

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Vote for me: Paddy Ashdown at the National Liberal Club yesterday

### **Devolution** pushed by Labour

LABOUR yesterday began a

ses held out by the Scottish National Party and the

Liberal Democrats.

Donald Dewar, Labour's Scottish affairs spokesman, said: The pledge to set up a Scottish parliament is cen-Scottish parliament is cen-tral to our programme, not just in Scotland, but nation-ally It will give Scots the right to run Scotland's do-mestic affairs while retaining our links, with the United Kingdom." The parliament would have absolute control

Labour yesterday said that the nationalist slogan "Scot-land Free in '93" was a sham. Mr Dewar said that the SNP would not be major players in the next election, but might cream off enough votes to allow Tory candidates to survive by default. Labour's new campaign.

designed to run until the Scottish party conference in March, is to be known as "A Scottish Parliament Now".

pre-election campaign aimed at putting devolution and the introduction of a Scottish parliament at the top of the political agenda in Scotland. Labour will argue that it is the only party able to deliver a degree of self-government in spite of the various promises held out by the Scotlish

get, and would have adminis-trative and legislative res-ponsibility, he said. Labour has been inked by

the tactic of some Conservatives of suggesting that full independence would be preferable to a tax-raising, devolved assembly. That view could cut Labour support, to the benefit of the SNP, help-ing Tories to hold seats.

By Kerry Gill

# salesman earning £12,000 a year, plus more than £5,000

year, plus more than £5,000 in commission on monthly sales, could find himself £231.30 a year worse off. A crane driver on £17,492, paid weekly, including £3,734 overtime, would lose £110.16 a year, while an engineer earning £19,926, including £6,000 of profit related pay, would lose £444.68 a year. "None of these people earn more than £20,000 a year. Labour promised them they Labour promised them they would be no worse off. The truth is they would hammer them," Mr Jack said. "People should sit down with a piece if

paper and a calculator and work out if they are on Labour's hit list," he "People are being lulled into a false sense of security that they are not going to be affected by the removal of the

Labour's hand could be in their pocket at any time and they may not be aware

upper earnings limit, whereas

### Helicopters cost queried

SIR John Bourn, the auditor general, demanded cuts yesterday in the £400 million annual bill for repairing Britain's 800 military helicopters (Sheila Gunn writes).

An investigation by the National Audit Office discovered that repair costs varied across the country. There were also long delays in carrying out many repairs. One crashed Sea King helicopter, worth £4.7 million, was out of service for 15 months before work began. The repairs took another 12 months.

Sir John said the defence department had been slow to realise significant savings and that there was room for

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## Tenders attacked in leaked report

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

THE government's comtracting-out of council services was under renewed scrutiny last night after Labour leaked a report that was of the practice.

The report questions the benefits and savings of competitive tendering for many council white-collar functions - a centrepiece of John Major's citizen's charger.

Labour is urging ministers to abandon its plans to contract-out the services to private firms. The report, by PA Consulting Group, was commissioned by the environment department.

The report concluded that many white-collar services were not suitable for contracting-out and would bring no savings. It also questioned the proposal for giving corporate and committee work to private

The consultants said that privatisation of electoral registration could be extremely sensitive. Those authorities that had out legal services out to tender had found prices to be as much as four times higher than doing the work in-house.

Labour's environment pre-empt the third reading in the Lords on Monday of

the local government bill, power to contract-out council services. The government has always refused to pub-lish the report.

Lord McIntosh of Haringey. Labour's environment spokesman in the Lords. said yesterday: "It is no wonder the government has kept the PA Consulting Group's report under wraps for so

long,
"It contradicts much of what they intend to do and shows how weak was the case for compulsory competitive tendering in the first that they should see fit to base a major piece of legisla-tion upon such shaky foundations."

Michael Portillo, the local government minister, commented: "It is ministers who decide policy, not consultants."

The environment department denied that the government had ignored the report and said that detailed discussions were continuing on the contracting out of

further services. The report was never in-tended for publication because the local authorities which co-operated with the group had been assured of confidentiality, the depart-

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## 'Granny dumping' becomes a danger

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE government's community care policy is likely to fail because it is based on an outdated concept of the family. Sarah Harper, of Royal Holloway and Bedford College. London, told the Institute of British Geographers conference vesterals.

conference yesterday.

The policy's shortcomings, which included placing too great a burden on the family. raised the spectre of "granny dumping", she said, a phenomenon so far restricted to the United States. There, an increasing number of elderly people were simply being left at hospitals or other institu-tions, sometimes in wheelchairs with labels around their necks saying "please

look after granny".

The American College of Emergency Physicians had estimated that up to 70,000

Church 'is

failing

women'

elderly people were being dumped every year in Ameri-ca, Dr Harper told the Swansea conference. There was no evidence in her survey, or in any other British work, that the same thing was happen-

ever. Research into family life suggested that attempts by governments to force elderly people to be dependent on their families resulted in those families avoiding responsibility.

Decade and Beyond, was based on the concept that the primary providers of care should be the family. But a small survey of 100 elderly people and their families, car-

## **Business** advisers

MORE than 80 per cent of rural members of the Church of England would be happy to receive communion from or be married by a woman priest, a survey shows. Only two of 570 people questioned said that they would leave the church if women were ordained (Nigel Hawkes

writes). The evidence indicated that the failure of the Church of England hierarchy to sanction women's ordination "is seriously out of line with the views of nural people", Su-sanne Seymour, of Bath University, told the conference.

The survey, part of the Ru-ral Church Project, and car-ried out by Dr Seymour and Chris Short, of the Royal Agricultural College at Circu-cester, showed that although women attended church twice as frequently as men and were stronger believers. they were given few jobs in the parishes. Less than 5 per cent of salaried jobs were done by women, and even when unpaid work was included, women occupied only

15 per cent of the jobs. The survey was carried out in five dioceses - Truro, Gloucester, Southwell, Durham and Lincoln. Among the urban parishes in those dioceses, women were given than in the rural parishes, but

the differences were minimal. When asked if they would be happy for lay people to administer the wine in the communion service, 29 per cent said yes.

ried out by Dr Harper in the south Midlands, had shown that only 25 per cent of the elderly had the kind of extended family necessary for providing long-term care.
A further 25 per cent had

no family near by, so were

looked after by the social services. The most disadvan-

taged group was the re-

mainder, those who had one

family member near by, who bore the entire burden of

caring. Typically. Dr Harper said, this might mean that a

daughter in her sixties was

looking after a mother in her eighties full-time, with little outside support. Overstret-

ched social services departments concentrated re-

sources on the elderly with no

relation near by, leaving the

Harper said, but to make it

work, less responsibility

should be placed on the fam-

ily and more resources devot-ed to supporting carers.

single carers unsupported. Community care was a good idea in principle, Dr

ing here.
The danger did exist, how-

The government's policy, outlined in the 1989 white paper, Caring for People: Community Care in the Next

# prosper

IF YOU want to get ahead get into management consultancy, one of the fastest growing sectors of the British economy in the late Eighties. which now appears to be relatively immune to the recession (Nigel Hawkes writes).

John Bryson and David Keeble of Cambridge University and Peter Wood of University College London told the geographers' conference that the number of management consultancies doubled bet-ween 1985 and 1990, while business as a whole grew by only 3.5 per cent and manufacturing industry reg-istered a 17.5 per cent decline.

The trio had carried out a survey of 120 companies in London, the South-East, the North-West and Yorkshire. Since the survey was com-

pleted in 1990, a fresh examination of the companies had shown that only three had stopped trading, while half declared that their objective over the next two years was

Dr Bryson said that the explosive growth of manage-ment consultancy could be attributed to increasing internationalisation specialisation of business, which had created a need for outside advice.

The comp recession-proof because they were small, with an average of 6.5 employees each, had low overheads and were able to cut back without going out of business when the market



Welsh shame? Snowdon from Nant Gwynant

## How Wales got its pride from England

BY OUR SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Welsh love affair with their mountains was the invention of Englishmen, who coaxed a reluctant nation into regarding them as the very emblem of Welshness. Prys Morgan, a Weish historian from the University College of Swansea, told the

conference. Throughout the 17th and 18th centuries the Welsh regarded their mountains with a mixture of shame and loathing. They were wild, uncultivatable and useless the very rubbish of Noah's Flood" according to a satirist in the first half of the 18th century. In 1741 the Welshman William Morris explored Snowdon, but his objective was to pick flowers and he found the mountain

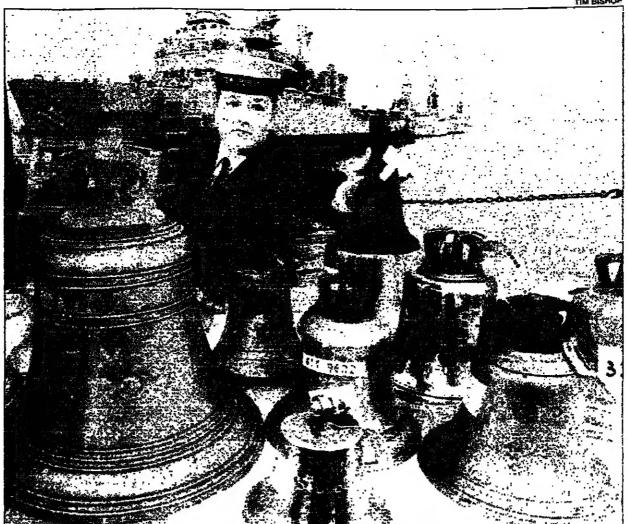
itself dreary. When English travellers first clambered over the Weish highlands in the 1770s, the native Welsh were puzzled and asked: "Have you not hills and waterfalls in your own country?" Yet by 1856, the second verse of the Welsh anthem, "Land of our

Fathers", began: "Old mountainous Wales, paradise of the Bard". The patriotic song "God Bless the Prince of Webs" Wales", written in 1862, begins "Among our ancient mountains, and from our lovely vales."

Dr Morgan put the transformation down to the English, who not only brought the romantic imagination to Wales but were also able to show that the unregarded mountains were full of coal, iron, lead and other useful

minerals. Welshmen adopted the atti-tudes of English gentlemen." Dr Morgan said. Mountain-ous Wales became celebrated by reactionary clerics and by bards as "a Ruritanian principality, loyal, pious, nostalgic, with a strongly de-veloped sense of its own his-

tory and landscape." By the 1850s and 60s the aesthetic revolution was complete. "The Weish were no longer blind to their mountainscape, but had taken it in and taken it over."



Belle ringer: Wren Writer Sharon Whittaker at Portsmouth yesterday with a selection of the 200 surplus bells due to be sold by the Royal Navy. The ships' bells include those from HMS Bronington, a former command of the Prince of Wales. Prices range from £20 to £1,200

### Low blood pressure overlooked

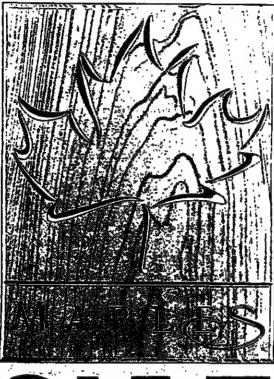
By THOMSON PRENTICE MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

LOW blood pressure may cause depression and other psychiatric symptoms, but is overlooked as an illness in Britain, according to specialists in the British Medical Journal published today.

Doctors could have the blinkered assumption that because high blood pressure. a risk factor in heart disease and strokes, is bad for the patient, low blood pressure must be good. Anthony Mann, vice-dean of the Institute of Psychiatry in London, says in an accompanying editorial.

Findings from long-term health studies, involving 10,000 civil servants aged 35-55, show that those with low blood pressure are more prone to dizziness, giddiness and tiredness, feeling low and panicky, and lack of concentration.

The evidence is published in the journal by researchers at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and University College and Middlesex School of Medicine. London. Professor Mann suggests that clinical trials should be considered.



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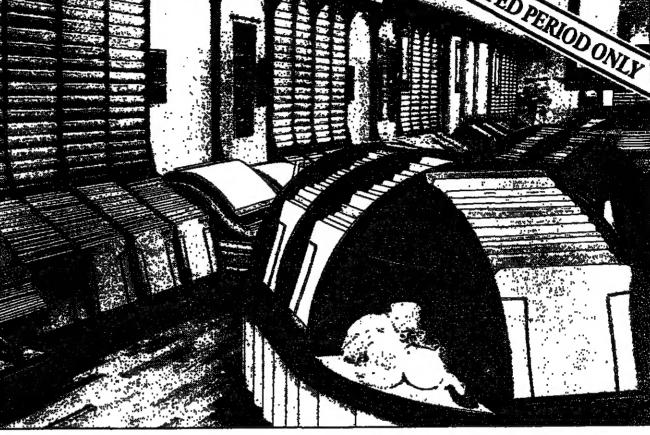
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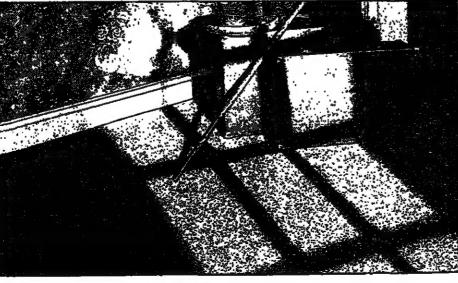
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# Magazines 'lure girls to smoking'

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

TOBACCO companies are slowing the fall in smoking among women in Europe by targeting advertising at them through the pages of women's magazines. The tactic has been so successful that in some countries, including the United Kingdom, more teenage girls now smoke than boys, reversing the trend of

A survey in the British Medical Journal shows that European women's magazines carry far more material promoting smoking than explaining its harmful effects. "Young girls see slender at-

### Woman are more at risk

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE Queen does not smoke, and has just stripped Alfred Dunhill of its royal warrant as her suppliers of smokers' accessories. Although cigarette lighters, boxes and holders were deemed inappropriate as royal gifts years ago, the entire royal family has not yet kicked the habit

There are still eigarette manufacturers holding royal warrants: Princess Margaret, the Queen's sister, has not yet given up; and the Duchess of York is said to smoke up to five a day.

Statistics show that 30 per cent of all British women still smoke, compared with 33 per cent of men. Among those under 25, more women smoke than men, and though lung cancer has traditionally been regarded as a predomi-nantly male disease, women are catching up fast.

That is attributed to the large number of women who started smoking during and immediately after the second

tractive models in the magazines and want to emulate them," Patti White, smoking education officer at the Health Education Authority, said. "They associate cigadesirable and sophisticated."

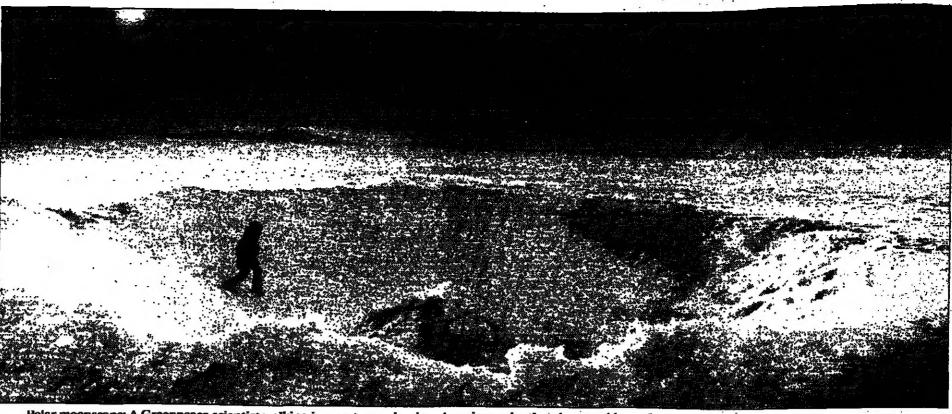
More than two thirds of the 71 magazines from 13 countries studied, with a collective readership of 50 million women, said they accepted cigarette advertisements. Only five voluntarily refused them. In addition, 40 per photographs of fashion models or personalities smoking which projected "highly positive and contemporary images of the female smoker".

Among those aged 15 to 24, 34 per cent of European women now smoke, compared with 39 per cent of men. But in Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Finland and Sweden smoking among women is increasing. In Denmark and The Netherlands, as well as Britain, young female smokers now outnumber men — by 22 per cent to 17 per cent in England and 26 to 24 per cent in Scotland.

Dr Fleur Fisher, head of the BMA's professional division, said: "In general the habit of smoking is going down, but that is not the case among young women." Smoking is emerging as more of a health problem - in Scotland cancer of the lung has already taken over from breast cancer as a significant killer of

Amanda Amos and Yvonne Bostock, of the department of public health sciences at the University of Edinburgh, the authors of the study, call for a European-wide ban on tobacco promotion.

The European Parliament is due to debate a total ban on tobacco advertising next week. "Four countries - Britain, Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands - are blocking this legislation," Dr Amos



Polar moonscape: A Greenpeace scientist walking in a crater made when American scientists destroyed hazardous waste near McMurdo station in Antarctica

### Allergy trees cut down

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Bristol: Mike Boyce yester day won a battle to axe four pine trees in his garden because his son is allergic to them. Christopher, aged five. was banned from playing in the garden for two years because of his rare condition. Council chiefs repeatedly refused Mr Boyce's pleas to fell the trees because they were protected by a preservation order. They have now relented - provided the 20ft trees are replaced with "suitable alternatives".

Paying guests

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia may make prisoners pay for their jail stay to help the government maintain its overcrowded prisons, a min-ister said. Syed Hamid Albar, the justice minister. said that the government might also put prisoners to work in sectors where there was a labour shortage like building. (Reuter)

### **Record priest**

King's Lyan: The Church of England's longest-serving parish priest, the Rev Noel Bales is to retire from his job in west Norfolk. Mr Bales, aged 84, has been parish priest at Marshland St James for 50 years.

## New life for a golden oldie

By Kevin Eason MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

A CAR with the streamlining of a barn door and based on a 44-year-old design is Britain's latest offering to America at the Detroit motor show.

The Land Rover, which has long been one of Britain's biggest export earners around the world, came to the attention of American forces during the Gulf war. They were so impressed with Land Rover Defender models that they used them as transport along the bomb cratered roads instead of their own more familiar four-wheeldrive vehicles.

Executives at Land Rover in Solihull, Warwickshire, soon realised that their aged vehicle could find enthusiasts in the world's biggest market for off-road vehicles. Buyers in America, however, will be expected to pay a premium price for what could become a cult vehicle. Land Rover will export only 500 of the vehicles a year, initially at a price of about £25,000, between £8,000 and £10,000 more

than they cost in Britain. Bill Baker, Land Rover's north America spokesman, said: "The appeal of this car is to the modern caviar set."



Barnstorming: a Land Rover Defender at Detroit

The company is exploiting a marketing philosophy which has helped to insulate Land Rover from the worst of the recession in America. While other luxury car makers, including Rolls-Royce and Jaguar, have seen sales halved this year, the Range Rover, introduced in America last year, has remained immune with 18,000 sold since 1988. Owners include the film actors Jack Nicholson and Bruce Willis and the pop singer Michael Jackson.

Land Rover believes that the spartan Defender can attract similar buyers at a time typical Americans that "retro-

56 per cent. fashion" for all things quaint and traditional is in and

out. The Land Rover certainly fits this fashion bill. Journalists at Detroit, one of the world's most high profile motor shows, left rival stands packed with sleek cars of the future to give an enthusiastic reception to a direct descendant of the vehicle first designed after the second

modern techno-gadgets are

world war. And the 1992 version shares more similarities than differences with its venerable predecessor, although 44 years ago doors were an optional extra. In Detroit they are standard.

## Victory for Mandela

Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, is the most popular political leader in South Africa, followed by President de released yesterday has shown. The survey, conducted among 2,600 respondents by Research Surveys last September, shows that 59 per cent believe that Mr Mandela is doing a good job. Mr de Klerk's approval rating was

Pop star Michael Jackson has accepted a government invitation to perform in Paki-stan. Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, minister of culture and sport, said the concert had been set for April 14 in Labore. But he said threats by religious leaders to close airports and organise street protests could force Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, to rescind the

Jean-Marie Le Pea, the French extreme right-wing politician, lost a libel suit yesteday against Guy Bedos, a comedian, who had said that the National Front leader would belly-dance in Iraq for President Saddam Hussein. Bedos said on radio last

vear that Saddam had given money to M Le Pen's party, which was opposed to French involvement in the Gulf war. That's why Le Pen is going to belly-dance over there," he said, referring to a trip M. Le Pen took to Baghdad just before fighting broke out last January. The Paris court ruled that while some of the remarks were damaging, they could be permitted within the context of Bedos's profession

Actor Christopher Recve plans to marry his long-time girlfriend this summer. Reeve, aged 39, best known for playing the title role in the Superman films, will marry Dana Morosini, aged 30 and a singer and an actress, on June 30. It will be five years to the day that they met each other, Wendy Morris, a publicist, said. He has two children by former model Gae Exton.

The Princess Royal, a keen yachtswoman, was paid the ultimate compliment by Cleay Blyth - he asked her to join his crew in this year's Fastnet race. But the hardworking Princess Royal — who carried out 745 engagements last year — told the yachtsman she was and busy to take part.

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## Time running out for stricken president as he seeks cure for America's ills in election year

## **Bush fortunes** take a dive

White House headed note paper, the president's 1992 travel plans looked fine. Ten days in the Far East, most of them while Americans were still in holiday mood themselves: a smash-and-grab raid in Tokyo to steal trade concessions from a country that would be too polite to complain; and a triumphant two-week swing around the voters back home, vaunting how much the "foreign poli-cy president" had done to

help the economy.
When displayed in hard newsprint yesterday, the plans did not look so good. After a tour which brought more embarrassment than rewards, Mr Bush begins his ten-month bid for re-election next week with little yet to offer the voters of the Midwest, where he goes first, of all-important New Hamp-shire where he will spend Wednesday, the South where he spends Friday, or of giant California which will receive

writes that more scenes like that in Tokyo could ring down the curtain on Bush's career

the president at the start of the following week.

His Democrat opponents have already begun the task of linking the president's personal disaster in Japan with the problems of the country as a whole. "It was a metaphor for the entire trip." commented an aide to the Nebraska senator. Bob Kerrey: "The United States stumbling, staggering, on its knees, looking for something to cure its ills." Many on the Republican right, including The Wall Street Journal which carried that quotation

yesterday, agree.
Mr Bush, they argue, cannot be criticised for catching flu, or even for vomiting on an allied prime minister's

trouser leg. What was wrong, they say, was the notion that a car-selling trip by the president of the United States could do anything to end the recession. "Not only was it demeaning, it was also guaranteed to raise false hopes," said one Re-publican lobbyist.

Mr Bush has irritated free marketeers with his protectionist rhetoric of the past ten days. But he is likely to find little compensating gratitude from the voters of northeastern New Hampshire, whose angry mood will stir few memories of the state which gave Mr Bush his vital first taste of victory in 1988.

From the perspective of a presidential doctor. New Hampshire is an ideal place for his patient to campaign. It is small, only a few hundred miles from Washington and in the same time zone. From a campaign manag-er's viewpoint, it is a place of horror, a state which on the one hand is obsessed by ritu-



Taking a hand: Barbara Bush, continuing her programme despite her husband's illness, experiments with candy at a Tokyo folk museum where she was given a candy image of the Republican elephant

al anti-tax pledges and, on the other, is stricken by eco-Mr Bush's flu will doubt-

he arrives. But he will need all the vigour he can muster to survive what is likely to be a bitter sniping campaign less have passed by the time from his protectionist

challenger, Patrick Buchanan, who blames the state's ills on too much taxation, too much kowtowing to Japan, moral principle. That is what New Hampshire wants to hear, and Mr Buchanan is in

paign trail. Equally he must not be seen to be panicked into making too many trips. The president has a big advantage over all his Demunless something extraordinary happens, he will be adopted as the Republican candidate at the Houston convention in mid-August. Mr Buchanan and his other primary challenger, former

manently now, making sure

Mr Bush must decide how much time he ought to spend

countering this assault. Fighting a New Hampshire primary is a battle to show strength rather than simply

win votes. Mr Buchanan

must be kept to fewer votes

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will get. Mr Bush must not

let it be seen that either his

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cannot strike. Mr Bush enjoys campaigning. Whether it suits nis body so well remains to be seen. As friends warned yesterday, he ought to take life a little easier. He has many more public dinners

Ku Klux Klan leader David

Duke, can wound but they

## Shoppers put Quayle on spot

WHILE President Bush looked forward to a good night's sleep on Air Force One yesterday, Vice-President Dan Quayle was working from Victory Two, the campaign bus that he is using to get the White House message to the sceptical voters of New Hampshire.

Despite trying to choose friendly venues, Mr Quayle received a direct lesson in the depths of dissatisfaction in the state, which holds the nation's first primary election on February 18. He visited a beauty parlour whose owner. had written him an optimistic letter about her prospects. But for every upbeat Cheryl Hines, there were many more downbeat Judy Websters — voters who nold Mr. Quayle how the once prosperous state had lost jobs and hope for the

Mr Quayle told groups of shoppers that he had come to listen to their message. But they quickly spelt out the message that he did not want to hear: that of the isolationpreached by the primary challenger, Patrick Buchan an. Mr Buchanan welcomed Mr Quayle's arrival, but said. that the people of the state wanted to hear from the "big fellah" next week (when Mr Bush is due in New Hamp-

"Where is George? We would like to talk to him," shouted voices from the crowd as Mr Quayle shook hands and reassured his listeners about the president's health. The news from Tokyo. although drawing greater than expected attention to the vice-president's efforts, has not been generally beneficial. Though Mr Quayle is a skilled and attractive street campaigner, the impact of his presence has been overshadowed by concern about his being a fainting fit away from the White House".

The Manchester Union propelled Mr Buchanan into the campaign and is strongly supporting him, cited a poll this week indicating that 71 per cent of voters thought the vice-president uniqualified to take over power.

More important, a recent CNN poll indicated that Mr Quayle could cost the Bush campaign four percentage points with uncommitted voters, a key constituency if the race in November were close. Yesterday, The Washingpart series on the vice-pres ident's role in politics and government. In what has amounted to a lengthy piece of revisionism for the Post, a

fierce critic of Mr Quayle in 1988, the series has portrayed a generally more can-ny politician than the comic figure portrayed in the past The latest revelations concerned Mr Quayle's leaderuntil recently was seen as just

ship of the president's council on competitiveness, a job that the sort of meaningless position that presidents give vicepresidents to keep them seeming busy. After complaints from senior Democratic congressmen, however, it has transpired that Mr Quayle has been quietly using the council to weaken govern-ment regulations that the vice-president's officials see as excessively burdensome on industry. The interventions in environmental and labour rulings "leave no fingerprints" to betray the author,

## Detroit in slow lane to humility

BY DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

with trying to sell cars to Japanese that even Americans do not want to buy. struck on a novel marketing ploy for his accompanying Detroit executives: learn Japanese.

in Japan they have not forcotten the visit to Paris in the 1960s by a Japanese prime minister whom President De



tor salesman. When an American president bearing car brochures travels to a country that once made Austins under licence, times have

clearly changed. Making an effort to learn the language is a lesson Tokyo has been trying to teach the world for some time, but it requires some of the principles that apply to car salesmen: you have to understand

PRESIDENT Bush, faced something of the culture you are dealing with. Nowhere is that more important than in learning Japanese. The Westerner must take on a new persona: modesty is the more important the more

one rises in society.

Lee Jacocca, of Chrysler, and the other car makers, have not appeared less promising candidates for fluency. We do not have to apologise to anybody." Mr lacocca said. "We are the leaders of the world. To say we are coming to Japan to get a souvenir, or we are going to sit around and accept whatever favours they can bestow on

us, that is not the game." The equally self-effacing Robert Stempel, of General Motors, added: "We have world-class cars. We joined the president for just that reason: that America can be proud of the goods it produces, can be proud of the

technology it has."

A teacher of Japanese listening to those two gentlemen might choose a new career rather than try to make linguists out of them: subtlety and reserve are all. even when selling cars. Clearly they had forgotten the advertisements for Japan's world-beating luxury car, the Lexus: they never mentioned

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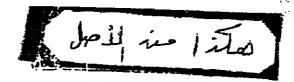
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## Iraq keeps grip on war anniversary

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

A THOUSAND media representatives have applied to enter Iraq to cover next week's first anniversary of the Baghdad bombing. As they queue at the Iraqi embassy in Amman, the Jordanian capital, there is among them a

All indications are that, like most of the war, the occasion by a small, hand-picked group of correspondents and television crews who will be unable to tell the world the true picture of President Saddam Hussein's regime until they have safely left the country again. The group will be supervised by minders, whose tinuing fear engendered by the ruthless Baath party machine, make an accurate assessment of Iraqi public opinion notoriously difficult. Those few reporters who have returned recently remain convinced of the firmness of Saddam's grip in the key Baghdad region despite a

confrontation, visa applica-tions are all carefully vetted in Baghdad by Naji al-Hadithi, the urbane anglophile now promoted to deputy minister from his pre-war role as director-general of the information The New York Times found him so sinister that he took shelter in the American em-

## Kurds applaud Archer warning

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN SULAYMANIYAH

JEFFREY Archer leaves the north of Iraq today with Kurds backing his message that any agreement which they might sign with President Saddam Hussein would not be worth the crowd of about 500 leading citizens of Sulaymaniyah, packed into the municipal theatre yesterday, roared their approval when his

phrase was translated. Mr Archer also won favour by saying he would try to persuade Britain to press for the exclusion zone to be extended south from the 36th to the 35th parallel, which would include the oil-rich city of Kirkuk.

The fund-raising author, who also visited the refugee camp at Said Saddiq and the bombed city of Halabja yesterday, said he was satisfied with the way the United Nations spent £38 million of the £57 million raised in the Simple Truth appeal he helped organise. But he acknowledged the argument of many aid workers that the money would have been more productively spent if distributed through the smaller voluntary

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emphasising he was visiting in a private capacity, Mr Archer suggested that the main purpose of his trip was not to investigate the aid money but to bring a message of support from the British government.

haps unknown to Mr Archer. a former deputy chairman of recently appeared on the telety, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, praising the Lab-our party. Mr Talabani will have been well pleased, how-ever, if Mr Archer's message concerning the folly of trying to do business with Saddam reaches a wider audience, an issue which divides Mr Talabani from his main rival.

Yesterday he was the guest

Masoud Barzani. Mr Archer emphasised that British support for the Kurds was non-partisan. He agreed with a questioner that Britain had an obligation to the Iraqi Kurds after abandoning the 1922 Treaty of Sèvres which would have set up an independent Kurdistan. His tough stand contrasts with the reality in northern Iraq where the Iraqi elopment Agency. Although blockade on food and fuel: (holy war)".

ing to him. A correspondent for an American news magazine, who has just returned from ten days in Iraq, said that the ministry had decided ting a group of only 20 to cover the anniversary. Like their colleagues during the flighting, they will be housed in the newly restored al-Ra-shid Hotel, where fine wines and haute cuisine are back on

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the menu for the Iraqi elite. "In an attempt to restrict independent investigation into what is really going on, the Iraqis told us in December that Arabs working with Western television teams will no longer be given visas," an Arab television reporter, based in Jordan, said. "It seems they were proving too skilful in getting behind the

As with the media restrictions, now more stringent than ever, the defiance voiced by Saddam in recent speech-es has an uncanny pre-war ring to it. "The mother of all battles liberated Arabs everywhere, particularly after the Hussein, Abbas and Hijara missiles hit Israel," he told the nation last week as Army Day was celebrated without its traditional parade. "The Iraqi armed forces kept the hand tight on the trigger ... [and] recorded for the nation and humanity a new evidence that God is able to make whoever he wants victorious and de-

feat the others." In a mirror image of events in the run-up to last year's United Nations deadline on January 15, the anniversary will be marked by the staging of a special Islamic conference in Bagdhad at which Saddam will again promote the image of Iraq as the true protector of Islam against the

About 450 delegates have been invited, mostly from radical states sympathetic to Iraq such as Yemen, Sudan and Algeria. They will arrive by car, as Baghdad is still cut off by air. One theme was outlined by Ali Hassan al-Majid, the new hardline defence minister, who argued that soldiers who stayed in their units and did not lay down their weapons during the war demonstrated one "of



Show of justice: a man convicted of theft being flogged in front of a crowd of thousands in Bara, Pakistan. Afterwards five more people convicted of crimes ranging from kidnapping to car theft were also flogged by the Tanzeem Ulema organisation of religious scholars

## Scandals plague Pakistan

MIAN Nawaz Sharif's radical free-market economic reforms have won him praises in the past year. But the Pakistani prime minister's political image has been tar-nished by his family's alleged implication in the collapse of co-operative banks and victimisation of political opponents and the press in the southern province of Sind.

Mr Sharif was criticised when more than three million depositors in his home province of Pubjab lost 20 billion rupees (£450 million) in the biggest banking scandal in Pakistan's history. He became touched by the affair when the Ittefaq industrial group, owned by his family, acquired loans totalling £100 million from the co-operative when the banks were on the verge of collapse. Most of the banks were owned by members of the ruling Islamic Democratic Alliance in the National Assembly.

The recent alleged gang rape in Karachi of Veena Bhutto, the opposition leader, Sind government is headed

Troubles have piled up in the past year for Nawaz Sharif's government and led to a growing loss of public confidence, Zahid Hussain writes from Karachi

also sent a shock wave across the country. In a statement Miss Hayat, aged 40, a fashion designer and daughter of a prominent politician, Sardar Shaukat Hayat, of the Khattar tribe, had accused Irfanullah Marwat, the Sind home minister and son-inlaw of President Ishaq Khan, of organising those who carried out the crime.

Miss Hayat charged that she was victimised for being a friend of Miss Bhumo. A judicial tribunal set up by the government, which was boycotted by Miss Hayat's family, last week cleared Mr Marwat of the charges. But the case is still a talking point. Significantly, the alleged incident occurred on November 17 when Sind provincial authorities arrested 1,200 activists of the opposition Pakistan ies party

by chief minister Jam Sadiq Ali, who has unleashed a political vendetta against Miss Bhumo and accused her party of being terrorists.

Successive governments in Pakistan had used various coercive methods to intimidate and silence political opponents, but this was the first time that charges of politically motivated rape have been levelled against prominent figures in an administration. Some people believe that ero-sion of confidence in the judicial system and the government is leading to a revival of tribal fends and the resurrection of a system of private justice.

Freedom of the press has also been under pressure. At least eight prominent journalists in Sind province were stabbed or attacked for writpolitical parties belonging to tary takeover.

the ruling coalition or of various government agencies. Chulam Hussain, editor of Facts, the Lahore weekly, was arrested last month for publishing an allegedly scandalous story about Mr Sharif.

Mr Sharif enters the second year of his rule amid mounting trouble and growing uncertainty. As the confrontation between his government and the opposition sharpens, there is growing scepticism about his sur-

Mr Sharif is also facing dissent within his own coalition and some of the alliance Mustafa Jatoi, the former acting prime minister, have been trying to move a vote of no confidence against Mr Sharif, with the support of the

The polarisation in Sind has aroused concern in the military. Although General Asif Nawaz, the chief of army staff.- has. firmly dismisse such speculation, many observers believe the conflicts

### Sandinista diehards seize land

fuel short.

Los Chiles, Nicaragua: Re-armed former Sandinista soldiers have intensified operations in northern Nicaragua to persuade President Chamorro to grant them land and disarm their former Contra rivals. Sandinistas have occupied towns and coffee plantations, saying that they will not lay down their arms until their demands are met.

Carlos Hurtado, the interior minister, said on Wednes-day that a priority of the government in Managua was the "total de-activation" of groups of former Contra guerrillas and former Sandinista troops who took up arms last year.

About a dozen Sandinistas in Los Chiles said that they wanted to see Nicaragua stabilised, but not if it meant risking their lives. (Reuter)

### Chad attack

vaded the home of Chemi Ali Abbas, a Chad opposition leader, killing a cousin, in an apparent reprisal for last week's rebellion against Pres-ident Idriss Deby, opposition sources said. (Reuter)

### Elephant victim

Harare: A British tourist courier, Richard Trumble, aged 36, who was born in Zambia, was gored and trampled to death by a cow elephant while shielding three tourists in a game reserve in the Hwange area of northwest Zimbabwe.

### Coma trial

Edmonton: Rod and Theresa Lenny are to be tried for murder although the foster child they are accused of bearing is on a life-support machine. The prosecution says the boy, aged three, is effectively dead. (Reuter)

### Hot pursuit

Cape Town: Elana Meyer, holder of the Africa women's 10,000-metres record, inter-rupted a training session here to chase a man who snatched a bag from a woman. The thief escaped. (AFP)

### Jump start

Hong Kong: A taxi driver who leaped naked from his 17th-floor flat after arguing with his mother was said to be in fair condition. Lau Ka Wing's fall was broken by bamboo scaffolding and an iron canopy, police said. (AP)

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## Algerian army bides its time

FROM ALFRED HERMIDA IN ALGIERS

IN SPITE of widespread rumours that the Algerian army was preparing to intervene to abort forthcoming elections, there were no signs yesterday of troop movements or firm indications that military leaders were planning a takeover.

There has been speculation that the army might intervene if presented with an Is-

lamic government after the second round of voting in just under a week's time. On Wednesday Abdelkader Hachami, provisional leader of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), said he had received reports of the deployment of police and army reinforcements in Islamic strongholds around the country. However his comments are part of the rumours that have marked the election campaign, and there are few signs of increased army activity.

The former single party, the National Liberation Front, has ruled out calling on the army in case of an Islamic victory. "A democracy that relies on tanks is not a real democracy." says Abdelhamid Mehri, the party's general secretary. The government has con-

tinually emphasised that the army would not interfere in the electoral process. "It is not an army of putschists," said the prime minister, Sidi Ahmed Ghozali. But he has hinted that the army could be called on in case of unrest. The army would only act in a very limited institutional manner.

Algeria's highest judicial body, the Constitutional Council, is due to annouce in the next few days its verdict on more than 300 allegations of electoral fraud. If it finds that there have been irregularities, it could order a re-run of the ballot.

Most of the allegations con-cern the FIS, which scored an overwhelming success in the first round of the elections on December 26. The front has been accused of posting party militants at polling stations to intimidate voters and some opposition parties have called for the electoral results to be

## Simon wins peace pledge

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG.

the attendance has been lim-PAUL Simon, the American singer, said yesterday that his concerts in Johannesburg ited to 60,000. On Tuesday night, soon this weekend will go ahead after Paul Simon arrived in after an assurance by the South Africa, a hand-grenade radical Azanian People's exploded outside Organisation (Azapo) that it will not encourage violence. premises of a firm which is providing sound equipment Looking haggard and wearing crumpled black for the concerts, and the responsibility was claimed by the Azanian People's Libera-

slacks and a jacket over a white T-shirt, he said at a tion Army. news conference in Johan-Simon maintained there was no unanimity on lifting nesburg that, after discussions with the organisation, which views his visit as a the cultural boycott. He said: Substantive groups like the breach of the cultural boycott United Nations and the African National Congress be-lieve that it can be lifted, and of South Africa, he felt there was little real threat. "Azapo does not want to provoke viothere are groups like Azaoo who feel it should not be lence," he said.

But the authorities are taking the possibility very seri-ously. Up to 800 security men, including police, will be He spoke emotionally of Headman Shabalala, the black bass singer murdered on duty at the Ellis Park rugnear Durban last month. who was to have appeared at his concerts. "I want to pay by stadium for the first of the

my respects to him and visit his grave and his family," he

Claims by the South African Defence Force that more than 90 per cent of white conscripts due to begin their year's national service have reported for duty were challenged yesterday. The End Conscription Campaign, a left-wing organisation, said in a statement in Johannesburg that the "sudden pro-duction of miraculously high percentage call-up figures is

It said that since 1985 the South African Defence Force had refused to release figures of those failing or refusing to report for military service. However, the campaign, which this week claimed that up to 50 per cent of con-scripts would ignore their call-up papers, was unable to produce figures of its own.

# Yeltsin bolsters his claim to fleet

FROM AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin asserted yesterday that Russia would never give up the prized Black Sea fleet of the former Soviet navy, and said that the fleet's officers could consider themselves under his protection.

"No one will take the Black Sea fleet from Russia, not even Kravchuk," said Mr Yeltsin said, referring to Leonid Kravchuk, the Ukrainian president. The Black Sea fleet has been, is still and will remain Russia," he said in

remarks made on a visit to an aircraft factory in the northern city of Ulyanovsk and reported by Tass.

Mr Yeltsin's statements marked the larest exchange in an escalating political and military confrontation between the governments of Russia and Ukraine, both of which have laid claim to the Black Sea fleet. The debate, however, had previously hinged on the question of whether the fleet was "strategic", and Mr Yeltsin's re-

## Fuel shortage hits republics

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

TEN days into the new year, many areas of the former Soviet Union are experiencing acute shortages of energy. Thousands of workers are idle, transport in many republics has been run down. and up to half of all airports report cancelled flights because of a shortage of fuel.

In recent years, the availability of fuel has tended to improve in early January as the new year's allocations come on stream, but this year there has been little change. Officials can only be relieved that in large population cen-tres the winter so far has been relatively mild.

The worst affected areas appear to be in the extreme west and east. In Riga, the capital of Latvia, it is reported that buses are operating only a skeleton service and that the state airline has suspended all flights to and from Moscow.

Estonia is said to have only ten days' supply of fuel for the vast heating plants that provide most municipal heating and hot water, and the average temperature has been reduced. The shortages are mostly blamed on falling oil

In the far east, the problerns seem to be worse. Tass

reported yesterday that tens of thousands of workers were idle in the Siberian city of Chita because there was no electricity for local factories. It said cryptically that agriculture had suffered "huge

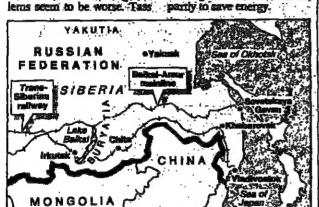
losses", which may refer to

henhouses and cowsheds

being without fuel.

The trans-Baikal region used to received additional energy supplies from the neighbouring regions of Buryatia, Yakınis and Amur, the news agency said, but "since the beginning of this year, these regions have refused to help Chita and the situation has become catastrophic". The change reflects a breakdown in supply con-tracts with the demise of the centrally planned economy and sharp falls in the production of oil and coal.

Further east, in Khaba-rovsk, a series of accidents at outdated heating plants since the start of winter has left whole areas of the city with-out power and the authorities have been unable to replace fractured pipes. Even in Mos-cow, many factories closed for two weeks over the holiday break partly because of a shortage of raw materials and





Out in the cold: Gamsakhurdia at his house yesterday in Yerevan, Armenia, where he fled to on Monday

### **Peasants** lament lost idol

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN TBILLS!

THE hard core of supporters of Zviad Gamsakhurdia lamented the ousting of their beloved president yesterday as they began to bury their dead in the Georgian capital. With quiet dignity, about 2,000 people marched in a long file behind the coffin of Levan Taktakishvili, aged 18. one of at least four people killed when forces of the new regime opened fire on demonstrators loyal to the nationalist leader. Mr Gamsakhurdia fled his embattled parliament on Monday.

chemical weapons are in safe keeping was given yesterday In contrast to the usually by Sergei Batsanov, now representing the Russian federation in arms control otiations (Alan McGregor "For some time now, all chemical weapons, also production plants, have been located inside the Russian Federation," he said. "So there is nothing in other inde-

> In a sense they were burying not just one man, but all their hopes of the paradise that they thought Mr Gam-sakhurdia represented. "Under Gamsakhurdia we felt like real human beings for the first time; we had hope for the future," said a young woman, who, like most of the mourners, refused to be named for fear of reprisals.

> In Armenia, Paruvr Airikyan, the opposition leader, alleged that the authorities there had ordered Mr Gamsakhurdia to leave his mountain sanctuary in Yerevan for the rebel region of Checheno-Ingushetia in the northern Caucasus. The re-

aggressive tone of any public gathering of the deposed pre-sident's supporters, the down as they complained bitterly that their president had been removed by renegade communists. The crowd consisted of the lower middle class — the peasants strug-gling to improve their lot in the city — all of whom were Mr Gamsakhurdia's natural constituency.

## Smear tactics shake Sofia

By ROGER BOYES. EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

THE campaign manager of President Zhelev of Bulgaria. who is front-runner in the presidential election this weekend, was accused vester-

day of collaborating with the country's secret police. The charges, printed in the Socialist (formerly Communist) daily newspaper, Duma, have poisoned the last days of the campaign and may take away some votes from President Zheley. But he is still the most likely to win; opinion polls give the philosopher and former dissident 58 per cent of the vote and as much as 70

per cent in Sofia, the capital. For days the former communists have been hinting that they woul drop a bombshell before the election on Sunday. According to Duma, the president's campaign organiser, Christo Ivanov, was long a police informer.

Dr Ivanov, who is regarded as one of the shrewdest political advisers in the presidential team, studied for his doctorate in Germany and, according to the Socialists, was co-operating with the police at the time. Mr Zhelev's team has dismissed the

ciaim as electioneering.
Such smear tactics are common in Bulgarian politics because so many activists did co-operate with the secret police, although often only to a small extent. The move by the Socialists suggests a measure of desperation. They are not fielding their own candi-date, despite being the second biggest party in parliament, but have thrown their support behind a nationalist lawyer, Velko Velkanov, who has promised to protect Bulgarian interests against those of the country's Turkish minor-

The communists, who under their party chief, Todor Zhivkov, vigorously discriminated against the million ethnic Turks, are thus trying to stir up nationalist passions to stay in the political game. They are likely to draw support from Bulgarians in mixed Bulgarian-Turkish

## **US** fears nuclear spread

London: The West will not be able to prevent the transfer of nuclear technology and weapons personnel from the for-mer Soviet Union to Third World countries, Richard Chency, the American defence secretary, said yesterday during a visit to London (Michael Evans writes). He declared: "We'll do everything we can to prevent it ... but I'm not certain that we can successfully stop this kind of transfer."

Mr Cheney said at the Ministry of Defence, where he held talks with Tom King. his British counterpart, that after the break-up of the Soviet Union the danger of the proliferation of nuclear technology had increased

significantly.

Defence ministers now had to plan for a future in which several other countries would possess nuclear weapons, Mr Chency said. "This is why we must get on with developing a defence against ballistic missiles," he said, referring to the American strategic defence initiative programme.

### Fabius picked

Paris: Laurent Fabius, the National Assembly president and former prime minister of France, has been elected to the difficult job of first secretary of the ruling Socialist party in succession to Pierre Mauroy.

Olympic worry Madrid: The shooting by Eta gunmen of a Spanish air force officer in Barcelona has raised fears that Basque ter-rorists will try to disrupt the Olympic games. The defence ministry said 9,000 troops would help protect the games.

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### Warsaw threat

Warsaw: Solidarity 80, a splinter group of the Solidarity union movement, said it would join nationwide protests this month which threat-en the stability of the new government of Jan Olszewski, the prime minister.

### Road worthy

Bonn: Günther Krause, the German transport minister, has proposed renaming a street or square in every city in east Germany after Mikhail Gorbachev to honour his role in helping to bring about German unification. (AFP)

## Moscow launches reform era

By MARY DEJEVERY

MOSCOW city government resigned yesterday in a ges-ture that seemed designed to mark the end of the old order and the beginning of radical reform in the city, including far-reaching privatisation.

Yuri Luzhkov, the head of the city's government, who is also deputy mayor, was reappointed immediately with a mandate to make cuts in the bureaucracy of at least a quarter and to give priority to economic reform and social security for the poor.

istration has complained repeatedly of obstruction to its reform programme from oldstyle apparatchiks and others with an interest in preventing reform. Successive initiatives, including measures to privatise housing and sell off shops and offices have run into the sand, and Moscow remains one of the worst supplied cit-

or, Gavriil Popov, threatened several times to resign unless he received more support for his reform programme from Boris Yeltsin and the Russian

ies in Russia. Last month the city's maypaid tribute to new initiatives backing reform in the city and agreed that they should make a new start with a new government. With the immediate risk of

strategic forces of the former

Soviet Union. According to

Tass, he backed off his de-

mand for immediate posses-

sion over the fleet and said he

would wait until July — when

strategic nuclear weapons

should be removed from

Ukraine - to take over the

But two Ukrainian officials,

speaking at a news confer-

ence here yesterday, cast doubt on the Tass report and asserted that the Black Sea

fleet was not part of the for-mer Soviet Union's strategic

armed forces. Colonel Vitaly

Lazorkin, a senior official with the Ukrainian defence

ministry, said that Ukraine

intended to proceed with tak-

ing control over the Black Sea

fleet in line with the republic's

Asked about the apparent

contradiction between their remarks and those from Mr

Kravchuk, ... Vladimir

Kryzhanovski, Ukraine's rep-resentative in Russia, said:

Geneva: An assurance that

all stocks of the former Soviet

"Ask Tass."

violent protests against price rises apparently avoided, the city's reformists seem to have decided that they are now strong enough to remove conservatives from the administration and start afresh. Mr Luzhkov's public resignation and equally public reappointment also send the signal to Muscovites that they, too, should judge the performance of their government

### Since its election 18 government. Yesterday Mr mance of their government months ago, the city's admin- Popov and Mr Luzhkov both from the beginning of 1992. port could not be independently confirmed. Squabbling Serbs hurl defiance FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE AND TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

SERBS in ethnically mixed Bosnia-Herzegovina declared the foundation of their own republic yesterday. Meanwhile, in Knin, capital of the Serbian enclaves in Croatia, Serbian leaders vowed to fight if a United Nations peacekeeping force was im-posed, and in Belgrade Vuk Draskovic, the leader of Serbia's largest opposition party, was charged with incitement to violence.

Also yesterday, General Blagoje Adzic, the chief of staff of the Yugoslav armed forces and a supporter of the hardline Serbian faction, was appointed as Yugoslav defence minister. General Veljko Kadijevic resigned from the post two days after a federal air force jet shot down a European Community helicopter on Tuesday, killing five EC ceasefire monitors who were on board.

In Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbian leaders declared that, with effect from Monday, they would have their own repub-

per cent of Bosnia's population and they bitterly oppose the decision by the leaderships of the republic's Muslims and Croats to ask the EC to recognise Bosnia as an independent state. The decision was a clear warning to EC foreign ministers not to recognise Bosnia-Herzegovina. The EC has pledged to recognise the four Yugoslav republics who have asked for



Adzic: takes over post of defence chief

they meet certain criteria on human and minority rights. Dr Radovan Karadzic, the Serbian leader in Bosnia, explained that no organs of government or police would

be set up until "the Croats or Muslims try to separate from Yugoslavia or until they are recognised". Serbs say that, if and when it comes to drawing boundaries around their republic, they will claim 65 per cent of the territory of old Bosnia-Herzegovina, something Muslims and Croats have promised to oppose by

In Belgrade, Vuk Draskovic, the leader of the Serbian Renewal Movement, said that if Bosnian Serbs went ahead with their own republic it would mire Yugoslavs "in blood up to our knees", and predicted that the decision would encourage Albanians and Muslims in Serbia proper to press for their own republics.

An optimistic Lord Carrington, presiding over

lic. Serbs make up some 30 recognition by January 15 if the first EC peace conference in two months, yesterday said he believed the Yugoslav civil war was nearing a solution. He said there were definite signs that the present ceasefire, which began on January 3, will hold. He said Slobodan Milosevic, Serbia's beligerent leader, had at last accepted the break-up of Yugoslavia as inevitable.

Speaking briefly to reporters inside the Palais d'Egmont, the conference's new Brussels home, Mr Milosevic showed that he would fight on for increased Serbian rights, however. "Nobody can abolish Yugoslavia from the outside," he said.

• Udine. Italy: The bodies of the four Italian European Community observers killed when their helicopter was shot down in Yugoslavia were flown home yesterday to be buried with full military honours at Udine cathedral, an air force spokesman said. Today, the French navy officer also killed will be buried in Carcassonne. (Reuter)

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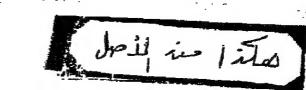
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**EXHIBITIONS: LONDON** 

# In the midst of death, here is abundant life

hen the Gulf war prompted the Vic-toria & Albert Museum to cancel an exhibition on The Art of Death, British society dramatically confirmed its modern horror of the grave. Most of us prefer to avoid confronting our own mortality. The inevitability of extinction is a conversational taboo, and we seal ourselves off from all contaminating contact with the bodies of the dead. Euphemisms such as "the de-parted" abound, testifying to a be-lief that anyone who clearly acknowledges human dissolution is guilty of in excusable morbidity.

Now that the V&A has at last staged the banned show, our 20thcentury embarrassment is revealed in all its ridiculous and damaging repression. For the survey's organiser, Nigel Llewellyn, has brought together a salutary selection of objects disclosing how frankly we once dealt with the reality of death.

Nothing could be more direct than one of the earliest and tiniest exhibits: the Tor Abbey Jewel, a gold and enamel pendant in the form of a coffin. Made around 1546, its decorated lid bears the reassuring assertion that "Through the Resurrection of Christ We Be All Sanctified." Open the jewel up, however, and a skeleton modelled with the maximum amount of uncompromising veracity is exposed to view.

We may recoil from the thought of wearing such a stark memento mori on a neck-chain. But our ancestors took a far more robust attitude, surrounding themselves with images and inscriptions which provided everyday remind-ers of their inescapable end. In the 1630s Sir Thomas Aston thought nothing of commissioning an immense, brooding painting of his wife's blanched corpse, still lying on the bed where she had died in childbirth. Below, the woman reappears as she was when alive: but the centre of the panel is devoted to the dead baby's draped cradle, surmounted by a skull.

No wonder Aston himself reels away giddily to the left. He must have been devastated by his loss. and the small son standing nearby would also die a year later. But grief did not prevent the stricken father from asking John Souch, the , to depict the entire scene in all its funereal grimness.

Aston, the Sheriff of provincial Chester, demanded a harsher form of remembrance than his more sophisticated metropolitan contemporaries. Shocked by the unexpected death of his wife, Sir Kenelm Digby immediately asked Van Dyck to sketch Lady Venetia in her death-bed. Since the body had already lain there for two days, the artist brought colour into her cheeks by "rubbing her face".

in the final painting she looks far lovelier than the drained Lady Aston, and might well be mistaken for a woman asleep. A rose lying on her sheet adds to the air of fragrance, but the fact remains that Digby had commissioned a portrait of a corpse.

Although the very notion would

Death is the great taboo subject in Britain today, but as Richard Cork discovers at two

London shows, our own forebears and our contemporaries in Mexico display a healthier openness about humanity's inevitable fate and

all the rituals attendant upon it



Figure for The Day of The Dead: made in papier-maché and paint by the Linares family of Mexico City

nowadays be dismissed out of hand, the distraught widower gained enormous consolation from painting he kept with him constantly. At night, he placed it beside his bed, describing how "by the faint light of candle, me thinkes see her dead indeed; for that maketh painted colors looke more pale and ghastly than they doe by

daylight."
The satisfaction Digby gained from this eerie presence becomes easier to understand when set in the context of recumbent tomb effigies. No gallery can hope to display more than a token array of such carvings, but Llewellyn did manage to borrow the splendid alabaster figures of Raphe and Elizabeth Wyseman from a church in Rivenhall, Essex. Newly cleaned.

and freed from the elaborate architecture which normally confines them, the reclining couple look bleached and calm. Their praying hands rise up like released souls about to ascend, and yet this emphasis on spirituality is accompanied by a zealous attention to facial detail and the particularities of costume and armour.

Both figures were originally col-oured, thereby reinforcing the attempt at verisimilitude. A down-toearth grasp of likeness was just as important as the insistence on an untroubled passage to heaven, and no portrait looks more touchingly faithful than John Dwight's stoneware image of his little daughter Lydia on her deathbed. Made around 1674, this chaste act of fatherly devotion stresses Lydia's innocence by placing a posy of flowers in her white hands. But the face is far from idealised,

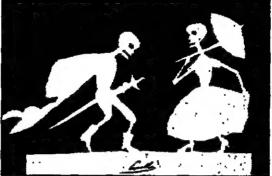
defining the puffiness of her cold flesh and denched, downturned mouth with great authenticity. This is a real child, dead before her time, and parental pain can be felt beneath the sculpture's apparent serenity. For that reason, it is far more persuasive than the companion piece, showing Lydia swathed in antique draperies and ready for resurrection. Here wish-fulfilment takes over from distressing actuality, and all the tension evaporates in a swirl of predictable religious

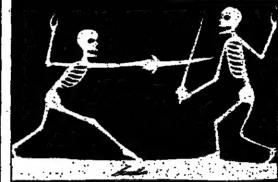
owever much comiort Dwight may have derived from his second image, he could not give it the conviction of the deathbed portrait. But the "before and after" idea gained favour in the next century, inspiring Hogarth to plan a typically quirky monument in honour of the celebrated pugilist George Taylor. In one drawing, the skeletal form of Death pins Taylor to the ground in a humiliating "cross-buttock" position. In the other, though, the pugilist tri-umphs over his assailant by breaking Death's ribs.

True to form, Hogarth provides the show with a welcome injection of wit and venom. He lampoons the hypocrisy of undertakers by cramming a gaggle of their gri-macing, bewigged heads inside a coat-of-arms flanked by piratical crossed bones. And in the last of his exconating brint-series The Foul Stages of Cruelty, he ensures that the corpse of sadistic Tom Nero receives its gruesome comeuppance. Presided over by the callous indifference of physicians observing the proceedings, Nero's humiliating dissection imaginable.

While a young assistant makes incisions in his feet, and another butcher-like figure gouges his eyesocket, the grotesquely haggard senior surgeon carves into his bowels, pulling out an extended length of intestine which trails down ignominiously into a bucket. The carelessness of the man assigned to the cleaning-up of Nero's waste means that a dog is able to gnaw at his discarded remains, pushing the degraded corpse be-yond hope of divine redemption.







Top: Lydia Dwight on her Deathbed, stoneware circa 1674, at the Victoria & Albert Museum. Above: Paper silhouette skeletons, cut by Victor Manuel Cuellar, at the Museum of Mankinds

Apart from the astonishingly well-preserved splendour of a 15thcentury embroidered pail, and a painted figure of Victory from Nelson's spectacular Funeral Car. nothing in this survey sounds a high-spirited note. Mourning remains the hallmark, nowhere more agonisingly than in Rowlandson's uncharacteristically tragic pen study of women and children

wailing over an open coffin.
In Mexico, by contrast the annual Day of the Dead festival gives everyone a chance to celebrate the return of relatives they have lost. The Museum of Mankind's sumptuous survey. The Skel-cton at the Feast, could hardly be further removed from the sombre artefacts gathered at the V&A. The . spirit throughout is unashamedly carnivalesque. An earthenware dish splashed with black like a Franz Kline painting is almost the only restrained object on view. Elsewhere, skeletal fingers direct visitors through a labyrinth of gaudily festooned chambers.

A fantastic over-lifesize altar in pristine white satin dominates one room. Made by Eugenio Reyes Eustaquio, who carne here specially to build the structure in 15 days, this elaborate present for the newly dead looks as enticing as a wedding-cake. But it lacks the exuberance of - the vast, intricately modelled pottery candelabra, the show's flamboyant highlights.

One, from the town of Izucar de Matamoros, contains a skeleton orchestra playing with maniacal conviction. Another, fashioned into a tree of life, grows out as a symbol of human evolution from the planet Earth at the centre.

Hogarth's monument to the pugilist is echoed by a struggle between Death and the Devil, an apoplectic figure with black ribs and yellow horns who expires in agony after a thrust from Death's sword. But other skeletons enjoy

themselves inservas vigorously throughout the show, supremely ina teeming Market of the Dead where they dance, booze, stuff their mouths with melon and even brandish "telefono" booths above their heads.

Mexican children learn about. death at an early age, regarding it as another part of life rather than an unmentionable terror. Neither morbid nor sentimental, this brazen and irresistible show is astonishingly affirmative. As well as keeping the memory of the dead alive, and offering solace with the idea of the soul's annual return, the Mexican ritual replaces fear with an unexpected feeling of exhilaration. No healthier corrective to our furtive evasion of mortal facts could possibly be imagined.

● The Art of Death is at the Victoria & Albert Museum (071-938 8500) until March 22, and The Skeleron at the Feast is at the Museum of Mankind (071-323 8041) until 1993

## CRITIC'S CHOICE GALLERIES

ANDREA MANTEGNA: AS one of Mantegna's grandest works, the great series de-voted to The Triumphs of Caesar, is in this country and has been part of the royal collection since Charles I, London seems a logical place to launch the first major retrospective of the painter for many years. (It goes on to the Metropolitan, New York.) Mantagna is unique among 15th century Italian artists in his strong histrionic flat: and the feeling he always gives of passionate energy hald in check (but only just) by the disciplines of classical form. As well as eight of the nine Triumphs, the show includes important loans from the London seems a logical place important loans from the Uffizi, the Louvre, the Metro-

Piccadilly, W1 (071-438) 7436). Daily, 10am-6pm, until April 5. Sponsored by Olivetti. e ALBERTO SAVINIO: Gior-gio de Chirico made his reputation more quickly than reputation more quickly that his younger brother Andrea, known professionally as Alberto Savinio. He also slowly frittered it away while Savinio, having once decided to concentrate on painting, produced an oeuvre of exemplary consistency and power. He was a Surrealist of disturbing and rather nightmarish vision. He was also an important Surrealist writer important Surrealist write sometime compose who until now has been

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WYEFIM LADIZHINSKY: Ladizhinsky was born in Odessa in 1911 and was finally permitted to emigrate to Is-rael in 1978, four years be-fore his death, leaving an enormous body of work to de-struction in the Ukraine as he could not afford to take it with him. Most of this retro-spective show is made up of paintings from the long series Growing Up in Odessa, which he was working on between 1969 and 1981. The images of Jewish life are picturesque and brightly coloured, some-times tending in style towards a sophisticated naive quality. There are also portraits, still liles and symbolic works. Barbican Concourse Gallery Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-588 9023) Dally 12-7.30 pm, until February 11.

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- DRAWINGS AND WATER ORAWINGS AND WATER-COLOURS FROM THE NAT-IONAL MONUMENT RE-CORD OF SCOTLAND: The Scottler Monument Record, which colebrates his golden jubiled this year, is, naturally grough, concerned entirely with keeping and creating a ings of Scotland. This began with the war emergency, when many drawings were commissioned of monuments regarded as under threat. Later there has been a coherant programme of measured survey drawings of archaeo-logical and architectural re-mains. The Record also collects original designs by important Scottish architects such as Bryce and Lorimer, and topographical drawings by amateurs and pro-tessionals from earlier centuries. All these areas are

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varied and daring.

No doubt the selectors, working for the National Art Collections Fund (which has organised the show), have a lot to do with the lively effect. Who knows what horrors are buried in corporate collections up and down the country? What matters, however, is that all of these sometimes quirky and individual acquisitions do exist in the collections of companies such as Baring Brothers, Granada, IBM, Hill Samuel and Unilever, and thanks be for such an opportunity to see them.

With very few exceptions, all the work shown here is British, and it is all 20th century. Even with the earliest pictures, there is mercifully little playing safe. Sickert is fairly safe, but it is by no means easy to recognise really good examples. and, once they are recognised, buy them.

John Russell Taylor reviews gap-filling but substantial shows at London auction houses: not for sale but highly desirable



Wessex Nightfall: Driving home along the coastline

of Dorset, a 1973 engraving by Laurence Whistler chip investment, but TSB's Slave Market offers convincing arguments that he should be. It is pleasing to see Clausen among those represented, and even more pleasing that Barclays' Mending the Roof is not something predictably rus-tic, but an urban scene. Robert Fleming Holdings seem to have, as well they might, a corner in Scottish artists from the Colourists to Jock McFadyen: but even here, there is no sense of

toeing an expected line. There are encouraging oddities in the later English selections also. Good to see no fewer than three major works by Michael Ayrton, all

Brangwyn is hardly a blue- from his best period at the end of the Forties and beginning of the Fifties. Ayrton is an artist who, when he is good, is very very good, and when he is bad is horrid; Baring Brothers and TSB seem to have got him about

Baring Brothers also have a remarkably coherent group of Neo-Romantics, with splendid paintings by Minton. Craxton and Tunnard as well as Ayrton. There are real rarities from earlier genera-tions, such as TSB's improbably romantic Nevinson of Waterloo Bridge and the an-onymously-lent Christopher Wood Girl with Parrot. neither of them familiar even in

Eileen Cooper seems unex-pectedly to have found a soft spot in the hearts of corporate collectors, and so does the clusive, neo-classical art of Ricardo Cinalli, represented by a large, slightly surreal piece, The Blue Box. belonging to Societé Générale. The mind boggles at the logistics of putting this show together, but it is a pity there are only three weeks to enjoy the fruit of the organisers'

owever, that is the nature of gap-filling.
At Sotheby's the gap
in schedules is filled this year, most elegantly and aptly, with an 80th birthday tribute to Laurence Whistler. Whistler is not only the leading exponent of pointengraving on glass in this country, but also the great engineer of its revival and a brilliant innovator. His first venture was in

1935, when he engraved a sonnet he had written (he is also a poet) on the window of a friend's house in Northumberland. From this he moved on to engrave goblets and decanters, teaching himself as he went.

The early works are very much in the shadow, stylistically, of his brother Rex Whistler. But since Rex's early death in the second world war Laurence has progressively liberated himself from Rex's personal

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brand of playful rocpco, and shown himself in all his true Romantic colouring with landscapes and interiors full of pantheistic feeling, irradiated by a mystic glow akin to that of Samuel Palmer. Nowadays he prefers to work according to his own creative impulses, rather than to a tight commission, and increasingly turns towards the elegaic, with such images of transience as the tropical butterflies which escaped from a Syon hothouse in the

Great Storm. The clear and usually untinted glass lends itself to

ideas of evanescence and enables Whistler to produce amazing 3D effects. If one stops to consider it, the technical virtuesity of these pieces is staggering. But it is a measure of Whistler's artistic stature that one hardly

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# Sex and the South Bank savant

Kate Muir talks to Melvyn Bragg about passion and pornography although he seems rather more keen on TV franchises

ome Monday, any sensi-ble person will not want to be in Melvyn Bragg's brogues. It will be the morning after the showing of the first episode of his television drama A Time to Dance (BBC1. 9.05pm), and Mary Whitehouse, along with the crotchety screen-junkies who make up her National Viewers' and Listeners' Associ-ation, will probably be flapping

angriy.

Much disgust will probably be expressed by the "moral majority" on the subject of the three-part series — the erotic obsession between an 18-year-old girl and a 54-year-old retired bank manager

'The creative process is probably very little different from gardening'

- and the gruelling opening some of a rape will merit particular disapprobation.

In these post-Dennis Potter (The Singing Detective) days, one might assume that such adult drama — in the mature, not the Xdrama — in the mature, not the Xrated sense — would be acceptable
to a nation which finds far greater
sexual liberation in its libraries
and video shops. Mr Bragg rather
hopes that this will be the case. It
will be interesting to see if the
series does cause any furore, he
says, casually, but "the scenes
which could be controversial are so
used directed and acted that way an well directed and acted that you're going to be hard put to criticise them for being salacious or in any

The supposedly shocking scenes-include flashbacks to the rape as the young girl and her older lover. have sex, and a peppering of swear words elsewhere. But, in such scenes, Mr Bragg feels the high moralists still fail to distinguish between pornography — which he defines as "the exploitation of sex without love" — and love which includes sex and is quite a different thing. "Unless television is allowed to deal, at appropriate times, with the subjects taken on by the novel

Like most of his colleagues in the industry. Mr Bragg does not welcome the interference of the Broadcasting Standards Council (BSC) under Lord Rees-Mogg. Censorship of any sort affects him on every level, as a ubiquitous

graving



"I have no hobbies, only work": novelist, biographer, screen-playwright, television personality - and darling of the mimics - Melvyn Bragg ponders the life of the interviewer being interviewed

the presenter of Radio 4's Start The Week and London Weekend Television's The South Bank Show, and as the arts controller of LWT and the chairman of Border

Mention of the BSC wrests a grin from him. "I think the people involved are benign, but I think the quango itself is unnecessary." We have our own referral system for four-letter words and so on, and we abide by the laws of the

Mr Bragg's personal attempt to fuel the television morality debate is in fact a dramatisation of his fourteenth book, also called A Time to Dance. The book, set in his native Cumbria, caused a number of nudge-nudge reviews, largely because Mr Bragg is 52 and his fictional middle-class protagonist is 54. Faction was suspected, but the happily married author and father-of-three continues to deny this.

"The idea of sexual obsessions of people who are greatly different -

young and old, or of opposite backgrounds - has always interested me. How, I don't know. Does it come out of my own life, or is it something I've seen or imagined? It is genuinely difficult to know that."

Writing a biography a few years ago of Richard Burton, which drew on the actor's diaries and centred on his stormy relationship with Elizabeth Taylor, also fuelled Mr Bragg's fascination with erotic obsession. Parts of the diaries which were too libellous to use stuck in his mind and perhaps percolated out in his fiction. "The interest is in the danger and excitement, and the destruction inherent in the obsession. It is very widespread. After the book came out, men and women wrote to me saying that exactly that had happened to them."

At intervals during this exchange, Mr Bragg indicates that he would be much keener to talk about the future of television aswe-know-it, and wriggles in his LWT executive's chair, proving

there is no worse torture for an interviewer than being

But, if he will write so many novels which feature so much sex. and indeed are serialised in the somewhat raunchy Esquire magazine, what can he expect? He gives the impression that the television side of his life is the more significant one, and certainly it is less embarrassing to discuss. What he does alone with manuscripts in his holiday cottage in Cumbria is

he latest novel comes off the Bragg production line in June. As soon as he next is itching to be written, and it is a habit he has indulged since the age of 21. The new Crystal Rooms is one of those state-of-Britaintoday novels, he admits, featuring "the very rich and the very poor, Northern Ireland, the media, and

a Dickensian list of characters". Tom Wolfe is no doubt worried. Mr Bragg, the author, is not. "I

don't want to be high-falutin' about my writing," he says. "The creative process is probably very little different from . . . well, gar-

The man who says "I have no hobbies, only work", and whose bank balance supports that theory. confesses that fiction fulfils the need to be in complete control that he cannot have in television work-ing as a team. "Is it frustrating? It drives you crackers. A good cam-eraman gives you superb film, but then you got a film editor with then you get a film editor with cloth ears who can't cut properly to music." But on the whole he makes The South Bank Show sound like some sort of utopian kibbutz, where ideas emerge not from him, but "the group"

He needs to work with people and be stimulated by them as much as he needs to be alone with a well-stocked fridge, writing in Cumbria. He puts it down to growing up as an only child in his parent's pub, the Black-a-Moor in Wigton. "I used to work upstairs on my own, and downstairs there

would be this row going on, and I liked being in both places."

Mary and Stanley Bragg were Labour supporters, and their son has never deviated from the path. "I went to my first Labour meeting aged three or four in the Temperance Hall in Wigton. I remember my mother was treasurer and my father wasn't there because of the

The early taste for politics went sour at university in Oxford, where he ran off in fear after seeing penguin-suited gents in Union debates. But his political instincts have again come to the fore in the recent battles over public service brodessing and the ITV franchises. He has become a professional pundit on the subject.

Mr Bragg is still furning that there were no reserve prices put on the regional franchises, which gave the ridiculous (though convenient) result that Border retained its franchise for a few thousand pounds, while Carlton bought the former Thames area for £42

"Government foolishness is to blame for this lack of equilibrium," he says. "How can you keep up if you are £42 million in the red

before you spend a penny?"

On the whole, though, he believes the quality of independent television will not fall. "ITV has no alternative but to go flat out for quality. It would be utterly foolish and misguided if it veers from

He has deep faith in his fellow television executives who do not want to produce a diet of quiz shows and bought-in American films, and he is convinced the amount of minority programming will increase as advertisers come to target more specific markets.

The Bragg view is suspiciously rosy. The only black point he forsees is when the BBC's charter and the fate of public service broadcasting comes up for discussion in 1996. "The government, whether Labour or Tory, will find irresistible to meddle that." Mr Bragg will no doubt be

### You say you want 33 revolutions? Compact disc may rule but, for some, the vinyl LP remains a collectable investment espite the news this week that W.H. Smith has followed Boots and Woolworth's in phasing out LPs by Easter, a hard core of British collec-tors is refusing to follow their example, as well as those of America and Japan, in waving goodbye to vinyl. The counter-revolution of the turntables is being conducted by an army of Tweakies, as the music in-dustry calls the obsessives who spend their spare hours

Yore songs: Elton John sold his rock memorabilia, but hung on to his records

performance (they are also dismissed as "flat earthers"). Having refused to be coerced into using compact discs, they are turning the LP into a highly incrative collectable. Tweakies include Elton John (who off-loaded his art, furniture and costumes recently at Sotheby's, but kept his LPs; the snooker player Steve Davis (a collector of soul music) and Mike Read, the disc-jockey (who has 100,000 singles and 20,000 albums and calls himself a albums and calls himself a 'vinyl man'). Up to £1,000 can be paid for rare albums such as the first stereo pressing of Please Please Me, the Beatles' first album. According to a recent

"tweaking" their sound sys-tems in pursuit of better

readership poll in Record Collector, the specialist magazine, the classic LP collector is male, and aged 28, on average, peaking at 48 ("Someone aged 12 when rock'n'roll started," says John Reed, the assistant editor of Record Collector.) Many collectors, he says, live

Tweakie appears to have much in common with the trainspotter, collecting by numbers. And there are many opportunities for this, every well-known performer from the 1950s to the early 1980s was responsible, however inadvertently, for reams of issues, reissues, foreign issues and limited editions. Dedicated collectors sometimes accumulate six or seven copies of the same LP. each with minute differences in the packaging. "They say I only need number such and

Indeed, the classic

such to complete my collec-tion of singles released by London UK," Mr Read says. And so to the next category, the sound purists. Not convinced by the "remastering' techniques of CD en-gineers, whereby original LPs are transferred to the digital state and then teased into a perfection not pre-

viously known, the sound purist believes that the older the disc, the better it captures a performance, despite the scratches. Besides, the purists will tell you, vinyl gives the truer sound, because, way back then, the recording was made for vinyl.

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ore importantly, they know that the CD giants will never re-release every song recorded during the vinyl years, and that many LPs therefore have a special rarity value. "The Song of the Hump-Backed Whale". for example, can only be obtained on the Elektra
Records LP produced 20
years ago. Many semi-obscure bands of the 1970s can only be revisited on vinyl, as can many recordings that capture the occasional twang, bang or grean which does not occur on the massproduced version of a song.

The biggest frisson obtained in this category (and, incidentally, the biggest potential investment) is from the many bootleg recordings surreptitiously made by moles in recording studios.
These may even include some inadvertent but choice bitching between stars, such as the infamous Troggs Tape, where a sound engineer captured the scatological, and highly entertaining process of

Troggs at work. Duncan Kerr, the manager of Reckless Records, the second-hand music shop in London, says: "Some of the most collectible records are those containing sounds never issued legally." For this reason, bootlegs, which are easily obtainable at London street markets, or from Italian mail order firms, are racing up in price. Mr Kerr

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fear of being prosecuted.

Recently, Italy has become the biggest source for boot-leg material from the early 1960s, due to its unusually short 25 year copyright law (compared to 50 years after the death of the composer, as in this country).

The final appeal of the old

LP is its sleeve, which lent

itself to artistic excesses not open to the meagrely propor-tioned CD. Here again, succès de scandale can help boost prices, for example, The Man Who Sold the World, David Bowie's second album, had a cover featuring the singer wearing a dress, and was originally withdrawn from circulation on grounds of taste. The album, in its original cover, now markets at £150. Likewise, Alice Cooper's School's Out, which opens up to resemble a school desk complete with graffiti and a pair of paper knickers, now sells for £25. Further desirables include the "picture disc" of the 1970s and 1980s, where the LPs themselves were printed with the cover art of pictures of the performers.

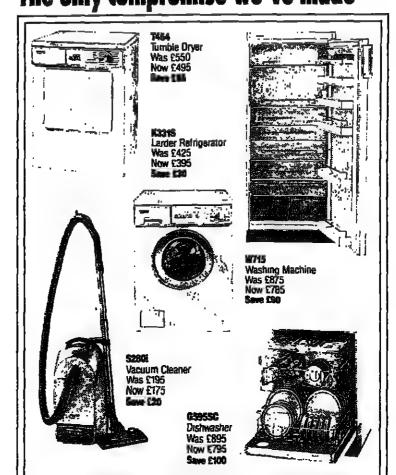
Having a famous artist design your cover can also make it collectable. Andy Warhol's design for The Velvet Underground and Nico — featuring, for whatever reasons to proceed the control of the co son, a banana - is eagerly snapped up, as is an original Warhol cover for The Rolling Stones's Sticky Fingers with a real, and working, zip on the front (later versions of the album had to make do with a phptograph of the zip). Mr Read says he finds his albums are bulky and prone to warping, and that he looks forward to the time when their contents can be transferred on to CD. But he is a rare pragmatist among the LP collecting fraternity. There are some things that

the march of technology can-

not shift. For many collec-tors, the age of the LP has

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## Sex, politics and the scalpel

A bigger bust is now a feminist issue, writes Charles Bremner, in New York

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Second choice: an advert in

n the matter of breasts, an anthropologist from outer space would have a tough time decoding the current rituals of the American tribe. Night and day, the TV hosts, celebrities and other assorted priests are pounding Americans with the dogma of diversity, the mantra which holds that all that matters is sincerity, self-acceptance and "being all you can be". Reacting negatively to someone's appearance, or "lookism", has even been decreed an offence by the more zealous wing of the sensitivity

Yet, our anthroplogist would be perplexed to note, millions of the tribe — mostly women but men as well — are rushing to submit to the surgeon's knife in the quest for identical big breasts, or. in the case of men, sculptured chest

Breasts have become big news over the past week, thanks to the government's decision to halt sili-

cone gel implants, pending a study of possible dangers, but they are of course only the leading edge of the extraordinary craze for a commodel of mon

Last year, more citizens, threequarters of them women, spent an average of \$6,000

improve or delay nature's handiwork. A desire for a better decolleté has sent some 1.6 million women to the operating altar in the past 10 years. Where elective surgery used to be the preserve of actors and anchorwomen, the

market has now gone mass. New York parents offer their teenage daughters nose-jobs as birthday presents, shop managers advise assistants to get that extra edge with a facelin, thirtysomething executives are forking out big bucks for turnmy tucks and dimpled chins. Providing the service is a \$300 million a year industry, operating mainly from doctors' private surgeries. (Their freedom from supervision by any authority is surprising, given America's modern obsession with avoiding the

smallest risk.) Thanks to the relentless sales promotion of surgeons and the cult of physical perfection, an enhanced body has now become a fashion accessory, conveniently available like contact lenses at the local shopping-centre and payable by credit card. "Larger, fuller breasts can be achieved usually in about an hour." says one California advertisement. "No one need be plain," says another.

If anyone needs proof of the big money in jeopardy in the silicone brouhaha, they need only glance at the huge defensive campaign by the industry. Americans, the advertisements said, were threatthose inalienable rights guaranteed in the constitution: the right to feel good about they way

they look. So how does the anthropologist explain the contradiction between the scramble for identical perfecfeatures of the Barbie Doll or the Playboy pin-up, and doctrines of individual identity? Two conflicting explanations are being offered by tribal ideologists. One group, dominated by younger neo-femi-nists, holds that big breasts and the pain of the scalpel are a political weapon being wielded by a frightened patriarchal society to make women feel insecure and

Caught in a web of self-hatred, women mutilate themselves with plastic surgery," says Naomi Wolf, the 28-year-old author of The Beauty Myth, a polemic published last year Susan Fahidi, another young writer reaches similar conclusions in Backlash, a bestseller which sees women as victims of a male counter-revolution which reimposes ancient ideals of female pulchritude as painful as Chinese footbinding or Victorian corsets. Sharing this outlook are the denizens of the new

puritanism, a group which treats sexual penetration as a violation of a woman's civil

rights.
By contrast, many old bol-sheviks of the feminist movement can be spotted in the opposing camp. includes Cher, Madonna, Jane Fonda, Gioria Steinem and other role models from the

New York magazine entertainment world, sees no paradox at all in the surgery craze. It is everyone's right, they say, to improve their self-esteem in any way they want, an argument that applies as well to the men who are increasingly applying to surgeons for buttock implants and other body sculp-

> In a society that celebrates sexuality as much as modern America, there is nothing inappropriate about enhancing one's features, Ms Fonda argues to former disciples of her old credo of physical exercise who are grappling with the news of her recent breast implants. She sees no contradiction with her feminism: "It's very important to me that I feel and look as good as I possibly can and that please my man as much as I can," said the 54 wear-old Ms Fonda, who last month married Ted Turner, the Rhett Butler of tele-vision moguls. "It makes me feel good to look sexual, to feel sexual,"

> Another branch of the same school, led by Madonna, has taken to treating sexuality as a feminist weapon, to be shoved in the faces of men, both a fetish and a form of

The anthropologist would be relieved to note, however, that there is no paradox in the economics of the breast business. The rules of the market reign supreme. Now that thousands of surgeons have become millionaires, the intervention of the government has gladdened the hearts of lawyers who are predicting a bonanza of lucrative litigation from suits against doctors and implant makers. One Houston law firm is drumming up business with advertisements which ask: "Are dream breasts to die for?"

## Joanna Pitman, in Tokyo, on why the Japanese seem to prefer Barbara Bush to her husband

B arbara Bush has been transformed overnight into something of a national heroine in Japan, soaring past Margaret Thatcher to capture first place in Japan's beauty contest of international statesmen and women. Yesterday morning, producers of such chat shows as Big Morning and Nice Day ushered in panels of Japanese ladies of the highest imperial and parliamentary pedi-gree to lionise "Mrs President" for

her beauty and composure.

The near deification of America's first lady comes after millions of Japanese, watching live on prime-time television on Wednesday night, saw an unruffled Mrs Bush stand up at a state banquet. minutes after her husband had been rushed off for emergency medical treatment, and deliver a speech in his place, joking that he must have collapsed as a result of being beaten by the Japanese

emperor in a tennis match. Even one of Japan's former first ladies, Sachiko Kaifu, wife of the unlamented former prime minister Toshiki Kaifu, was moved to appear on the top morning slot yesterday to pay homage to Mrs Bush. "I would have been all of a

# Formidable first lady

millions of housewives. "But she reacted so bravely. She should be an example to us all. She's really a beautiful lady." Yesterday's Mainichi newspaper paid similar tribute, reporting that Mrs Bush was "simply terrific" and that all of Japan should take note of "this wisdom and bravery in the face of

Alas, the same has not been said about her husband and the team of travelling salesmen he has brought with him to squawk about Japan's unfair trading practices and to lay the blame for America's economic ills on Tokyo's doorstep. The most outspoken Japanese

commentators, still picking over the details of the presidential illness yesterday, concluded that it is symbolic of America's economic health. "America has always stood for such grand beliefs as freedom and democracy. That is all very well, but clearly their economy and their president are sick and here they are begging for us to rescue them," said Sumiko Takahara, former director-general of

the economic planning agency.
In private, the Japanese are scornful, and rightfully so, of Mr Bush's attempts to turn a political summit into a trade fair for American products, but good manners have prevented them this week from asking Mr Bush why he has stooped to the thankless task of being a travelling car salesman in Japan. He has picked precisely the wrong product. The Japanese do not want the cars America is trying to sell. They are too big for the parking spaces in Japanese cities; they are too fat to turn the corners of Tokyo's narrow streets; they guzzle too much gas, and they do not have names that attract Japan's label-conscious consumers (the Lettuce, the Pox and the Capuccino have been recent home-grown winners here). Smirking behind politely raised Mr Bush is vainly trying to revive an American industry that is already doomed. Few will admit, however, that Japan's car industry has been responsible for its downfall. This week many have instead attempted to blame the profligacy and short-sighted policies of the visiting chairmen of America's big three car manufacturers. Lee Iacocca, the surly chairman of Chrysler, has drawn uncharacter-

between \$300,000 and \$400,000, and taxed at a rate of 65 per cent. The rise and rise of Japan's car industry, as well as its microchip and other "strategic" industries, has been carefully orchestrated over decades. The government has relentlessly pursued a time-honoured policy of maximum penetration - or as some Americans might say, eventual domina-

tion - of world markets. Its

istic fire from the Japanese press. which has made much of his ludi-

crous salary of \$4.65 million. His

Japanese counterparts are paid

strategy has been to guide the private sector to examine good new foreign products not yet matched in Japan. to build protectionist walls around domestic markets until Japanese manufacturers have matched the products, and only then to begin considering whether to grant access to the already fated foreign product. The relatively low cost of capital in Japan allows domestic producers to flood overseas markets with cheaper versions of these products, gradually refining and improving them until they are beyond the reach of all but the best capitalised foreign competitor.

While Americans have been trying to bully Japan into energising America's ailing industries. Japan has been quietly cherishing and protecting the industries of the future. Mr Bush and his blowwaved entourage should be looking beyond cars, semi-conductors and computers, and should be talking about the industries of the future, such as aerospace and satellite communications. This week, many Japanese have concluded that Mr Bush is a bit of a loser. Some might prefer to put

# Me and my Treasury shadow

hands, the Japanese point out that

Taxation divides the parties less than they pretend, argues Peter Riddell

perverse result of the convergence of Tory and Labour approaches over the past year has been to magnify claims about policy differences. After a week of intensive megaphone campaigning — the Tories have even launched Michael Heseltine, their all-purpose nuclear threat — the only way to survive until polling day is to turn down the volume. Real contrasts on tax and spending exist and are at the heart of the political debate, but they are not nearly as large as the parties claim. British voters face a choice not between high and low taxes, as John Major pretends, but between different types of taxation amounting to a a

similar overall tax burden. The Tories' room for manoeuvre is restricted by what the public demands, and Labour's is restricted by what the public is willing to finance. If voters want a comprehensive welfare state, they have to pay. That determines the approximate level of taxation. The British tax burden is greater than in America and Japan, but less than the European average because of variations in the scope of the welfare state.

Attitudes towards the growth of the public sector can, of course, change, as they did in the mid 1970s. Since the early 1960s, Public spending and taxes had been rising steadily as a proportion of national income under both parties, as the range of state activities expanded. But this began to test the willingness of workers to pay. Many voters came to regard government not as help but as a burden. Latterly, an era of expansion has been replaced by an era of containment, but that has not led to any desire for cuts in social provision.

Since the mid 1970s, the relative growth of the public sector has been held in check. After a sharp rise during the 1960s, the tax burden has fluctuated narrowly. Since 1979, it has risen from 34.7 to 37.7 per cent, mainly because the Tories used much of the

available money to reduce public borrowing and even to repay public debt for a period in the late 1980s. The burden has fallen

slightly since the mid 1980s. Conservative boasts about being the party of lower taxes rest mainly on the series of cuts in income tax, particularly for the better-off. For most wage-earners, these cuts have been offset by higher national Insurance contributions and VAT payments, although living standards have risen because of

the rapid growth of real earnings.

All the Tories can really claim is that they are the party which tries to contain the growth of the overall tax burden. By contrast, for all its pre-election assurances, Labour has been the party of higher average income taxes (much higher for the better-off) and a somewhat greater overall tax burden. The contrast has been small in aggre gate since the mid 1970s, even though the differences have been large for the top 5 to 10 per cent of

income earners Labour says it recognises these constraints, especially following its discomfiture on the tax issue in the 1983 and 1987 election campaigns. Neil Kinnock said this week that average wage-carners were paying enough in tax. Labour is adamsnt that the standard tax rate will not rise. Its main proposals are the removal of the current ceiling on employees' national insurance contributions of just over £20,000 a year (as well as extending this levy to savings). Top marginal rates would be raised from 40 to 50 per cent for those earning well over £30.000, contrary to recent international trends in favour of fewer, lower, rates. This money would be used mainly to finance higher child benefits and pensions, although some Labour spokesmen wish there was



Lifting the contributions ceiling would raise marginal rates by 9 per cent for 13 per cent of taxpayers. But the proportion is much higher in the South-east where earnings of many skilled workers are around this level. This includes many younger male workers, the C2s, whose pockets were filled by Mrs Thatcher and whose support the Tories have failed to win back in the past year. Labour has begun to realise that this proposal is not going to help in the several marginal seats around London

which it needs to win. The Tories argue that Labour's spending plans amount to an extra £35 billion and can only be financed by a further 10p on income tax, the "bombshell" featuring on more than a thousand Tory posters. Labour argues that "aspirations", not commitments, would be fulfilled only when revenue becomes available from economic growth. But the

creases in public spending will be financed not only by the tax receipts from the resumption of expansion, but also by higher public borrowing. A likely £20 billion in 1991-2, or 3 per cent of national income, will be near the guidelines allowed in the EC monetary treaty, though still less than the EC average. This is not a rigid discipline, since this limit triggers talks rather than retaliatory action and there is scope for borrowing for investment.

n the absence of unexpectedly rapid growth, the only way Labour could implement its spending "aspirations" would be by maintaining public borrowing at a high level, even increasing it slightly, rather than steadily eliminating it as the Tories assume. And Labour may be forced to raise the tax burden,

Tories have already spent the even though any increase in taxes would probably be much less than in the Wilson years. · Labour remains vulnerable on

taxarion, as it has been since the

1959 election. The "bank manag-

ers" economic team around John

Smith may offer reassurance, but Labour still favours a more active role for government than the Tories, and that needs financing. Despite repeated polling evi-dence that the public prefers better public services to tax cuts, most politicians work on the assumption that voters are not so altruistic. Hence, the Tories may find it irresistible on political grounds to reduce income tax in the Budget, since Mr Kinnock has already promised to reverse such a cut if he wins the election. There are few better issues for the Tories to dramatise the contrast between the parties when the real gap on macroeconomic policy is so small.

## ...and moreover

ALAN COREN

am standing, this morning, in the front garden of Numbut half a mile from my own. and I am hurtling down the arches of the years. I am heading for December 14, 1920. It is noon, that Tuesday, and 6 Basing Hill looks good. Why should it not? It has only just been built, a fat redbrick villa, a signal of post-war recovery, a minutes' time, it will have one; though not before it has stopped looking pretty good. It will be looking pretty bad, by then. But before we meet him, we

must drop in on a more literal yesterday, to find me standing in line at Cricklewood Timber, and behind me an elderly gent; who, as we waited, said: "When I was a kid, this was an airport. It was the first international airport in England."

I looked at him. You can never tell with elderly gents. "Cricklewood Airport?" I said.
"When was that?"

"1920," he said, "It had its own customs shed. You could fly to Paris and back for 18 guineas. Also Brussels, some days."
"Next!" said Cricklewood

Timber, and I paid for my wood. and I drove home, and I thought, what the hell, they can only ask me to pull the other one. So I telephoned the RAF Museum at Hendon.

But they did not snigger. They Airport, come over, we have books, magazines, records, and within the hour I was walking "Flight without feathers is not easy." Plautus, 250-184 BC, and into both the library and a tale which Plautus himself might have quilled in evidence.

It started joyously, mind, fit to lift the heart of one who has never sought, as you know only too well, to find any twinkle beneath this village's thick bushel For in 1912, I discovered, Handley Page set up an aircraft factory off Cricklewood Lane. It had a good war, and so flourished that, in September 1919. HP Transport was formed, initiating a scheduled service to Paris and Brussels, flying a modified HP 0/400 heavy bomber carrying two crew and six passengers.

My heart pounded! Crickle-wood an international byword, even in Flemish! Not, mind, that my predecessors were grateful: a cutting from Aeroplane Mon-thly read: Locals have complained of soot being driven down their chimneys by passing HPT aeropianes. They also consider it unsafe to stand on the top decks of tramcars." What ingrates! For me, the blood sang, the cheeks glowed. Here,

at last, was local history! They did not glow for long-moments later, they had drained. For history has its ups and downs, notably aviation history. and you will guess the rest: we have been there before, you and I, we have learned that when it comes to Cricklewood, it does not stay. This time, it was Flight magazine for December 16, 1920, which turned Cricklepast a sculpted mural which ran: wood's claim to fame into its

claim to notoriety: "On December 14, a few minutes after noon, G-EAMA struck a tree during take-off from Cricklewood, and stalled into Number 6. Basing Hill. The pilot, mechanic, and two passengers were killed. Four other pas-sengers were slightly hurt." And that, I'm afraid, is the Cricklewood milestone which

the world will remember: look, as I have now looked, in The Shell Book of Firsts, but do not look under Airline Glory, look under Airline Disaster. Mere weeks later, they stopped the service, they took our customs shed away, and they looked on Croydon and found it good. Yet it is not grief alone which

brings me musing, this morning, to the garden of 6 Basing Hill. I promised you a hero, and you shall have one. So let me end with words more splendid than any I could cobble. from C.H. Barnes's account in his Handley Page Aircraft since 1907: "Eric Studd, the sole occupant of the nose cockpit. was thrown clear, but when the rescue party arrived he was nowhere to be found, and was feared lost in the wreckage. Next day, however, he was seen in Paris, having no clear memory of how he got there: apparently, he had been knocked out in the crash, and on recovering consciousness in the garden had remembered only that he had to go urgently to Paris, so he had taken the Underground to Victoria Station and travelled thence on the Boat Train via

Dover and Calais."

### A hippy in the White House

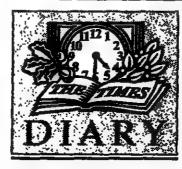
more flexibility.

EVENTS of the last 24 hours have dramatically increased the chances of a former hippy taking control of the White House for the first time. With George Bush's health in question, Bill Clinton has emerged as the Democrats' frontrunner to take up occupancy of the Oval Office after November's

presidential election. Many people in Oxford have fond memories of the Arkansas governor when he had shoulderength hair and a straggly beard. while studying at Oxford between 1968 and 1970. A fellow Rhodes scholar says: "Bill let his hair down both literally and metaphorically. He had shaggy blond hair, and a beard, and used his time at Oxford to relax after the tense and disciplined atmosphere of America in the grips of Vietnam trauma."

Clinton failed to complete his postgraduate degree in politics at University College, although his fellow student says this was not unusual. "There was no pressure on Rhodes scholars to gain credits. Bill centainly had fun and partied, but he also studied hard. His time in England was a broadening and resuscitating experience when he unwound from the rigidity of Washington by taking advantage of London theatres and opera."

Clinton also made a considerable impact on British students. Will Stevenson, director of the British Film Institute, who was at University Collège with Clinton. says: "I remember getting drunk for the first time at a party he held. He was great company and a thoroughly nice person to have around. Even at Oxford he shone brighter than his fellow Rhodes scholars, who included some very bright people such as Bill Weld. the present Republican governor



of Massachusetts. He was always interesting to talk to and very knowledgeable."

 Any hopes the garden gnome industry entertained that self-confessed gnome fancier John Major would help them pull out of recesto Amateur Gardening. The magazine reports that the leading manufacturer, the Northumberland-based British Gnome Stores. which markets a Margaret Thatcher garden gnome, has had no demand for a John Major version. The Thatcher version, however, remains a bestseller more than a year after she left office.

### Ice work

POLAR scientists usually spend their time studying the habits of penguins or the movement of iceflows. Not any more. A team from Cambridge's Scott Polar Research Institute is currently in the Antarctic studying the habits of that strange polar creature, the tourist. Last year there were sightings of more than 2,500 of this exotic breed, which appears to be mul-

tiplying despite adverse climate. The polar regions section of the Foreign Office and the scientists. led by Dr Bernard Stonehouse, are concerned that overbreeding of the species is overwhelming indig-

enous life forms. Stonehouse's wife Sally, who has accompanied her husband on many past trips, but is staying in Cambridge this time. says: They are most concerned with the effect on the penguins. Seals can look after themselves. they've got plenty of teeth. But we need to find out exactly how many tourists there are and where they go. In the future it may be necessary to have wardens." And after that perhaps even a specially designated nature reserve to contain

I'll have a quickie before the tourists: flack in . 

• The Salvation Army is keeping some unlikely company these days. In order to promote its latest campaign on homelessness, the traditionally teetotal Sally has signed up with the ad agency WCRS. The agency's best-known other clients include Bass, Carling Black Label and Johnnie

### Downhill all the way

THE mother of parliaments will need a little luck today if it is to win the mother of all races on the ski slopes of Davos. A team of British parliamentarians is due to take on the Swiss parliament in the annual parliamentarians is due to take on the Swiss parliament in the annual parlia

skiing race, looking for Britain's third win in 20 years. . If Westminster brings off a rare victory, it will celebrate tonight with a nine-course dinner at the Hotel Fluela. But do not waste too much money on a patriotic wager. Already, in practice, Britain's star

skier, Winston Churchill MP, has

rendered himself hors de combat

with his neck in a collar after his third skiing accident sustained in Westminster colours.
Yet Lord Lyell, the team captain, remains confident. With uner contempt for current fashions in day-glo ski wear, his lordship skis in full Everton football club kit. For the contest, he will don his best: a Scotland football strip of 1978 vintage bearing the number 17. "It stands for the thuggish ful-

from the end to save the game any way he can," says Lyell. Other team members include Tim Sainsbury, Rupert Allason (alias Nigel West), John Moore and the newly knighted Sir John Hannam. Strangely, there is not a socialist member in sight.

back who comes on ten minutes

 David Puttnam, who produced Labour's party political broad-cast on Wednesday night, is a versatile, not to say a flexible fellow. Many people that knew Puttnam was a prominent SDP supporter, but fewer knew he was also once a welcome guest at Tory central office. In 1988, Puttnam attended the party's national agriculture and countryside forum, where he shared the platform with Tory chief whip Richard Ryder, then a junior agriculture minister. By all accounts the two got on famously. But Puttnam's broadcast hit something of a wrong note, for at the very moment it reached its patriotic height with a passionate plea to buy British, the back-

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Table 1

## A QUEASY OUTCOME

President Bush's visit to Japan has turned out even worse than pessimists expected. Not only has he earned few bonuses in his new vocation as American car salesman; his collapse at a banquet has cast a shadow over the 1992 election campaign, which will not be lifted despite all his Reaganesque good humour, his wife's composure and the soothing references to gastric flu.

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As ever on such occasions, both sides declared the visit a success. They published a "joint strategy to promote world economic" growth, produced an economic "action plan" which amounts to little more than a few wheezes to prod Japanese car-makers into buying American, and promised to reinvigorate their long running talks on structural barriers to trade and investment. But even Mr Bush's cries of victory were muted. and American and Japanese economists were scathing. The plan would do little to help America out of recession or affect the widening trade imbalance.

Some of the cynicism stems from past experience. Japan has repeatedly promised frustrated American leaders that it will make a real effort to open its markets, with little discernible effect. Broad agreements at political level tend to degenerate subsequently into line by line haggling with the powerful Japanese civil service. Much that was announced yesterday does no more than reiterate earlier unimplemented agreements.

The deeper justification for scepticism is that this whole exercise rests on flawed assumptions. Japan's five largest car makers set themselves import goals by March 1995 of about \$20 billion in foreign parts a year. up from the current level of about \$8 billion. Lee Iacocca, the Chrysler chairman, was dismissive of Toyota's agreement to increase sales in Japan of its American-made cars by a mere 20,000 in 1994. But amazingly little has been made of the obvious Japanese retort that until Detroit starts to produce cars with

right-hand drive, small enough to fit into tight parking spaces, Japanese are unlikely to buy its products. Few even in the US Commerce Department appear to realise

that Japan drives on the left. To badger Japan over the raw figures of the trade imbalance could even score Washington an own-goal. According to research cited recently in International Affairs, some 40 per cent of the total Japanese surplus with the US is accounted for by American-owned companies' sales to America from Japanese bases. American trade curbs might therefore end up hurting its own firms in Japan - while helping Japanese firms that have set up in America. And the value of exports from Japan by American-owned companies is larger than Japan's trade surplus with America.

Mr Bush has made much play of his crusade to open Japanese markets. But America is hardly simon-pure. The lengthening list of American quotas on imports from all over the world is often absurdly petty. Jamaica can sell American consumers only 970 tons of ice cream a year, Mexico only 35,292 bras, Poland 350 tons of tool alloy, desperately poor Haiti only 7,730 tons of sugar. Quotas exist on typing ribbons, tents, twine, table linen, tapestries and ties and much else. Since July, Mr Bush has slapped textile quotas on countries such as Nigeria. Burma, and Panama — none of which look

threatening competitors. Removing trade barriers is indeed vital, but both Mr Bush and the Japanese know that the proper world forum for this complex task is Gatt. He should have bent all his energies to enlisting Japan's help in breaking the deadlock over the Uruguay Round. Bargaining over the number of US cars on Japanese roads is futile and demeaning. Even in domestic electoral terms, Mr Bush's visit has backfired. It deserved to do so. He should plan his future trips with more care.

### PUBLISH AND BE DAMNED

Manifestos are powerful symbols in the ritual politics. Yesterday and today, John Major's cabinet has brushed aside all other. tasks to debate a draft that had already received the concentrated attention of his brightest and best. Behind cabinet doors, ministers are finalising their election prospectus on the citizen's charter, on privatisation of coal and British Rail, and on further legal restrictions on strikes.

The purpose of the manifesto varies from time to time, and from party to party. The original Tamworth manifesto of 1834 set out. the new direction in which Sir Robert Peel sought to set the Tory party after the traumas of the Great Reform Act. More recent manifestos have also served inner party purposes. Labour's, under Michael Foot in 1983, was designed by the left to bind a Labour government to socialism. At other times, Labour has used the manifesto to set out the terms of a truce pro tem between the party's right and left wings. The Tories too have used manifestos to paper over internal cracks.

But in democratic theory these are perversions of the purpose of the manifesto. Its symbolic potency is differently derived: from a sense in which the manifesto sets out the terms on which a party offers to make a contract with the electors. Vote for us, the manifesto says, and this is what you will get. A minister reckons to clinch an argument in the House of Commons if his proposal was contained in his party's election manifesto. To break a manifesto promise is regarded as a heinous political sin, to be expiated only with great difficulty.

This doctrine — the manifesto as mandate - is essentially a post-war one. A case can be made that Britain would be better off without it. Manifesto pledges are conceived in particular circumstances. Circumstances change. Governments should determine their policy according to how things are rather than how things were when the manifesto was drawn up. Many great blunders in post-war politics can be traced to the determined implementation of halfbaked manifesto promises. In the present Parliament, there would have been no poll tax had it not been engraved on a tablet of stone by the manifesto. Parties, the argument runs, should go before the country on the basis of their general philosophy, of general statements of intent and of the personal qualities of their leadership, rather than offering the ragbag of pledges which constitutes a manifesto.

Be this as it may, the politicians are not yet ready to accept it. Manifestos there will be in. 1992. How then could any good they do be maximised and any harm minimised? The answer is: by publishing them not as the election begins, but now. That would have a number of advantages. It would define the battleground over which the parties are fighting in a pre-election battle which, by common admission, is already under way. It would limit the extent to which one party could distort the intentions of another, providing for each a definitive statement of what it proposes. It would expose each individual proposal to a longer period of examination and debate, away from the white hot heat of the campaign itself.

The opposition parties have already gone a long way down this track. The Liberal Democrats billed their economic policy, published in September, as the source for their manifesto. Labour's "Opportunity Britain" of last April contains all the ingredients a manifesto draftsman could wish for. When the cabinet has reached its conclusions tonight, it should also decide one more thing: to propose to the other two parties that all agree to publish their manifestos forthwith, and let the people begin to make their choice.

### WHEN OWLS KNOW BEST

A list of what British people dislike most about the condition of their countryside would include the replacement of grass pastture by arable crops, the absence of verges, hedgerows, coppices and other rough ground to interrupt the endless deserts of intensive farming and the decline in wild plants, animals, insects and birds which need that rough ground. A list of what British barn owls dislike most would be identical.

Because the land is no longer so hospitable, their numbers are estimated to have fallen to fewer than 5,000 breeding pairs, below half the total before the war. Clearly owis and people should join forces - and it would not be the first time the two species had combined for their mutual benefit.

Not long ago the virgin forests on the north-west coast of the United States were steadily disappearing into the timber mills, emptying the hills and valleys of Oregon and Washington State of trees and wildlife. Conservation campaigners were powerless to arrest the advance of the lumberjack - until they made common cause with the North American spotted owl, a resident of these ancient mixed forests whose habitat was fast vanishing. Saving the spotted owl became the cause which caught the public imagination, until the state authorities themselves had to pay heed. By campaigning to save the owl, conservationists had saved the forests.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds launched its campaign on behalf of British barn owls yesterday. Given that its aim encompasses nothing less than the reform of the European common agricultural policy, the RSPB is going to need all the leverage it can get. The CAP's budget is £25 billion a year; to defend the owls the RSPB is appealing for less than £400,000 over four years. Not much of a threat to big business there - which is no doubt how Oregon's timber barons reacted when they first saw spotted owl lapel-buttons and T-shirts. More fools they: not for nothing is the owl the representative of wisdom.

The CAP straitjacket has encouraged high productivity in farming. Now, through the set-aside scheme, it is also starting to reward zero productivity. Such market-rigging subterfuges should be seen as a necessary transitional evil on the route back to economic and ecological sanity. Subsidised overproduction led to the creation of monotonous landscapes bereft of everything except a monocrop. Such farmers need a financial inducement to manage their land less ruthlessly, to restore hedges and small woods so that even if the land between them remains in production, the wildlife has more and better habitat.

Land set aside will gradually become more friendly to nature, but farmers need a financial incentive to manage it properly by treating landscape and wildlife as an alternative "crop" produced for the public benefit. The Countryside Commission has pilot schemes for special areas (confined at present to East Anglia), and the RSPB's call for them to be available nationwide and on a much larger scale is timely. In selecting land to set aside farmers ought to take conservation fully into account, rather than simply

choose land with the lowest crop yields. The rethinking of the CAP is crucial to the look of the British countryside and to its capacity to support wildlife. Given the traditional British love of landscape and nature, it is the direction in which Britain should be pulling in Brussels, against the French insistence on redistributing subsidies mainly to encourage French family farms. Their cause is irrelevant to the quality of the British landscape, as it is to the interests of British barn owis

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Latest reorganisation of teacher-training courses

plementation.

January 6.

There are many things that we do

not yet understand about learning

and teaching but, equally, there is much that is reliably known. We

need to learn more, and to provide

effective support for teachers in

making known good practice a

reality in their classrooms. Educa-

tional effectiveness and economy can

both be greatly increased by sys-

tematic development and evaluation.

which inform in advance the nec-

essary political judgments on im-

Other countries have similar prob-

lems to our own. They know that they

are not subject to a "quick fix" but

need coherent, rigorous effort over a

decade or two to make the real

progress of which there are many

hopeful signs, here as elsewhere.

HUGH BURKHARDT (Head).

Shell Centre for Mathematical

University Park, Nottingham,

From Mr Geoffrey Holroyde

Sir, I commend Kenneth Clarke's

reforms for the training of post-

graduate teachers for secondary schools and hope that all teacher training will soon follow a similar

In 1973, whilst I was head of

Sidney Stringer School, in the centre

of Coventry, with 1,800 pupils on the

roll, we piloted an identical school-

based scheme, for 12 postgraduate

teachers, in co-operation with the Coventry College of Education. It

produced 12 appropriately trained and motivated young teachers, able

to cope well with children of all

The scheme did not take root, due

largely to opposition from the teacher-training establishment. It does not surprise me to read of opposition to Mr Clarke from profes-

Once again, they see much that they have worked for challenged and

a comfortable lifestyle threatened.

Fortunately Kenneth Clarke is robust

enough to force changes upon an expensive process which has become

abilities and background.

sors of education.

increasingly irrelevant.

38 Coten End, Warwick

From Dr R. A. W. Longden

Sir. In-school experience usually

comprises an observation period.

when explanation to and discussion

with the trainee is the extent of the

practising teacher's involvement, fol-

lowed by several weeks when the trainee is, for the first time, in charge

Assiduous preparation by the instructing teacher of material,

method and intentions and close

supervision of delivery cannot be

avoided if the trainees' interests are

The teacher begins often by

regarding a trainee as the fortuitous

January 6.

Yours truly, GEOFFREY HOLROYDE,

University of Nottingham.

From Professor A. M. Lucas Sir. As head of a university department responsible for the training of secondary school teachers, any comments I make about the secretary of state's latest proposals for the training of teachers (report, January 6) will be interpreted as special pleading. However, I wish to add some comments to those made in your leading article (January 6) by pointing out that the courses we now teach meet prescriptions set by government. Mr Clarke's current proposals are seeking to change a set of rules established by the DES as recently as November 10, 1989.

I am not a defender of the status quo that resulted from the imposition by Mrs Thatcher's government of the criteria to be met before a teacher-training course can be accredited by the secretary of state. These include a long list of social-theory items that all teacher-training courses must address.

Because all students are required to cover all topics specified in the criteria it is often impossible in a oneyear postgraduate certificate in edu-cation course to devote even one full class period to some aspects. But to give this minimum treatment we have had to reduce the amount of practical experience.

In our training of science teachers, for example, we had to remove the very valuable component of our former course in which we had weekly sessions in school classrooms, where the college into and the class teacher would jointly guide and supervise students teaching small groups of pupils. That is, my depart-ment was forced by Conservative government criteria to teach more theory", more superficially, with less time in school classrooms.

The secretary of state now wishes us to undo the changes we made in response to his predecessors' de-cisions, and go further in the other

Yours sincerely, A. M. LUCAS (Head, Centre for Educational Studies), King's College London, Cornwall House Annex. Waterloo Road, SE1. January 6.

From Professor Hugh Burkhardt

Sir, Once again a major change in educational practice is to be implemented on a large scale without systematic development or eval-uation. In the complex business of education the views of ministers or professors of philosophy are treated as a proper basis, not just for investigation but for large-scale implementation. A revolution in leacher training is the latest product of Mr Clarke's skilled eye for the plausible idea.

In education, untested innovations put into practice usually lead to outcomes that are quite different from the intentions, hence the plethora of recent changes of mind by the government which seem likely to

Sir, Contrary to your correspondent,

Antonia Pierson (December 26), it

has long been my hope that music-lovers everywhere will give up the foolish custom of standing for the

Hallehijah Chorus. If we all stood up

for every great piece of music ever

performed in public, concerts and

recitals would become tests of phys-

ical endurance instead of uplifting

Because George II, in a remark-

able gesture, stood to acknowledge his personal respect for Handel, enquerte demanded that everyone

else who was present did so too.

There is no earthly reason wity we

should continue this illogical custom.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL I. WILSON.

Lack of recognition

From Captain Hugh Corbett, RN

Sir, Mr Foskett (letter, December 30)

was told that his ship did not qualify for a Gulf medal in Operation Desert

Storm because she operated in

But, surely, all the forces involved

were operating on behalf of the

United Nations. In these circum-

stances, even-handed recognition of

loyal service is the more important,

since the cause being served is more

remote than a national call to action.

Sinking the Belgrano

Sir, Come to think of it, the Bismarck

was also heading for home (letters,

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daytime telephone muther. They

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be sent to a fax number -

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3 West Avenue.

Pinner, Middlesex.

support of US forces.

Yours faithfully.

January 3.

January 6, 9).

Yours faithfully,

A. M. GRANT,

January 9.

HUGH CORBETT,

Holly Cottage.
3 Clare Road, Cambridge.

From Mr A. M. Grant

58 Cambridge Street, SW1.

experiences.

Musical tradition

From Mr Michael I. Wilson

### Christians and Jews From Mr Mark Greene

to be safeguarded.

Sir. It is of course Sir Sigmund Sternberg's right to call Jews for Jesus an "obnoxious movement" (article, January 6). It is only a pity that his clarity of expression is not matched by a similar clarity of

Jews for Jesus do not "target the young, the confused, the vulnerable" as he asserts. If we did, we would not have placed the advertisement (December 17) that has caused much of the current fuss in The Times. Your newspaper after all, as I understand it, is not particularly noted for having a high incidence of emotionally "vulnerable", young and "confused"

readers. Sir Sigmund deplores our message. That message, briefly stated, is this: Jesus is the Messiah of the Jews and indeed all people, he fulfils the messianic prophecies of the Hebrew scriptures, he rose from the dead and it is only through him that people can gain eternal life. In sum, the message of the New Testament.

Sir Sigmund deplores our method. What is that method? The straightforward public presentation of the good news of Jesus in a manner particularly relevant to Jewish people. Rather like the method of Matthew, the Jewish gospel-writer. Rather like the method of Jesus, the

Jews for Jesus do not knock on household doors. The Conservatives

### From Professor B. N. C. Prichard

drink" (January 3), is surely mistaken in regard to random breathtesting. It would not be "harassing" innocent motorists to introduce a properly controlled system of random testing. There is ample evidence to show that it would be a powerful means of reducing the number of drinking drivers and, as convineingly shown by several opinion polls, the overwhelming majority of motorists wish to see random testing introduced.

random testing are the two principal

gift of an extra pair of hands and ends with the realisation that the process has been a considerable burden. Pupils are usually unimpressed and parents anxious.

But the secretary of state's advisers will be well aware of these circumstances and will have devised, at no insupportable expense, ways to overcome them. Staff, particularly those in the primary sector, who are struggling in the changing morass of national curriculum demands and trying (most of them) to take their pupils beyond the base-line of the assessment test will be eager to hear what they are. Parents, 100, will not be uninterested.

Your obedient servant, R. A. W. LONGDEN (Principal. Warley College of Technology, 1984-6), Greenbank, 41 High Street, Amblecote. Stourbridge, West Midlands. January 6.

From Mr Richard Wilkins

Sir, Dr Sheila Lawlor (Education Times, January 6) is right to casti-gate the influence of "theorists" in education and to endorse moves towards the training of teachers by experienced practitioners. Nothing is so odious to working teachers as the pontification about education from people at a safe distance from the action. It would be reassuring in this regard for Dr Lawlor's articles to list her long, varied and rugged experience of the realities of teaching in state schools.

Educational theory does have some value, if not for the education of children at least for the understanding of adults. A cogent modern theory of educational development posits what it calls the "mythic" stage, in which life is perceived in simple opposites, light-darkness, good-evil, love-harred. Dr Lawlor seems to perceive education and all other serious issues in these terms.

"Theorists" (at least, those with whom she disagrees) are stoats and weasels in the Wild Wood. Her world seems to be a ceaseless conflict, external to herself, between fairy princes and witches.

Yours faithfully RICHARD WILKINS (General Secretary), Association of Christian Teachers, 2 Romeland Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire. January 6.

From Mr William Macintosh Ball Sir, I was interested to read of today's student teachers. My grandlather, James Rennie, a schoolmaster, was a pupil-teacher in West Parish church school, Aberdeen, in 1854 at the age of 11, in accord with Privy Council provisions of the time made available in order to overcome a general shortage of teachers. Yours faithfully.

W. M. BALL, Kvie. 43 Thatcher Avenue. Torquay, Devon. January 6.

do. Labour party members do. The Liberal Democrats do. And so do many representatives of local churches. We simply stand on street corners, hand out information and talk to those people who want to talk to us. Occasionally we run an advertisment: quite low-key com-

pared with most organisations that

have a point to make. So why all the

Sir Sigmund rightly points out that the tragedy of centuries of persecution of Jews has left many Jews sensitive to contemporary Christian missionary efforts. The attempt, however, must be made. Jesus, after all, has set the agenda for his followers. Jews and Gentiles alike go to the whole world with the Good News. Why? Because Jesus says that each person's response to that news

Surely, to withhold the opportunity of eternal life from Jews because of past persecutions compounds rather than relieves the offence. As Jewish people, we at Jews for Jesus are not prepared to betray our fellow-Jews in that way. And there are many Jewish people and indeed non-Jewish people who now follow Jesus who are very grateful that we have not.

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Yours faithfully. MARK GREENE (Chairman, Jews for Jesus (UK)), London Bible College, Green Lane, Northwood, Middlesex. January 9.

### Random breath-testing

Sir, Your leader. "Driven from

The great majority of road users would be pleased to trade modest inconvenience for reduced risk from the irresponsible core who persist in

drinking and driving. You are right, however, to argue that the existing legal limit is too high. A lower limit combined with measures the government should now take to further reduce the still serious but largely preventable problem of drinking and driving.

It would also help if the new offence of causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs, contained in the Road Traffic Act 1991 which received Royal Assent last July, was implemented.

The offence carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment and/or an unlimited fine, plus obligatory disqualification of up to two years. Yours sincerely,

B. N. C. PRICHARD (Chairman, Action on Drinking and Driving). University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, Department of Clinical Pharmacology. University College London. 5 University Street, WC1.

### Muslim role in law and society

From Mr S. Taqi al-Sadiq

Sir, The Muslim parliament, of which I am a member, has been set up neither to legislate nor to claim a non-territorial Muslim state (report, January 6). Its sole purpose is to define, defend and promote the interests of Muslims in this great country in all aspects - including politics.

There is therefore no justification for fears of separatism, nor are there any grounds for blaming Muslims for forming a platform from which to negotiate with government and local authorities on their behalf in a professional and lawful manner.

The lack of teaching of Islamic values in state schools means that young Muslims are confused by the demands made by their parents and religion on the one hand and the modern liberal approach of British society on the other. The Muslim parliament aims to help legislative authorities at every level to redress this problem and to provide the right atmosphere and laws for these young Muslims and their families.

We are here to provide choice to parents. They should be able to send their children to Muslim schools (voluntary-aided) if they so wish.

Yours faithfully, S. TAQI al-SADIQ 121 Sussex Gardens, W2. January 8.

From Mr Christopher Derrick

Sir, I write as a Roman Catholic, not as a Muslim. But I remember the English Catholic martyrs; and whatever else may be said about the "Muslim parliament", it does at least remind us of laws higher than those of the state - higher also than "social artitudes which most people in this country accept" (Janet Daley, "Combating the fanatics", January 7). Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER DERRICK. 6 St Michael's Road, Wallington, Surrey.

From Mr Ibrahlm B. Hewitt

Sir, Janet Daley's assertion that Dr Siddiqui's group is "opposed to some of our most fundamental freedoms, such as that of ... a woman to be educated" is, I fear, based more on her desire to see Islam the way she wants to believe it to be rather than on solid fact: "Seeking knowledge is obligatory upon every Muslim" is just one of the sayings of Prophet Muhammad on this matter. He did

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not just say "every Muslim male".

Quite how demands for "separarist Muslim schooling" differ from demands for separatist Christian and Jewish schools - other than that the former remain unfulfilled whilst the latter are accommodated - again must be presumed to be part of Ms Daley's apparent prejudice against and ignorance of Islam.

Yours faithfully, IBRAHIM B. HEWITT (Assistant Director), The Muslim Educational Trust, 130 Stroud Green Road, N4.

From Mr R. J. Norton

Sir, I and many other Jews came to England some 50 years ago in peril of our lives, not to better ourselves economically. We were grateful for the sanctuary given and did our utmost to integrate ourselves into British life.

Over the years we have contributed out of all proportion to our numbers to the cultural, scientific, academic and commercial life of this country. We have not asked for state charity but created our own well-being, adhered to our customs and faith, yet at all times we have respected the laws and customs of our host country and fellow citizens.

Yours faithfully. R. J. NORTON, 140 Loughborough Road. Ruddington, Nottingham.

### From Mr D. B. Ryder Sir. The Muslim parliament has

passed a motion "to disobey laws hostile to their interests". Surely they know that the only people in Britain allowed to do this sort of thing with impunity are supermarket executives. Yours faithfully.

D. B. RYDER, 19 Brockenhurst Road. Bracknell, Berkshire.

### Raised voices From Mr Chris Hobbs

Sir, The recent American, use of rising inflection at the end of a factual statement may not, after all, be a sign of tentative speech (Charles Bremner's article, January 3).

Rather, I suggest it is polite avoidance of a direct question. Thus, the man in uniform at Kennedy airport is not simply asking. "I'm a customs officer?", but, "I'm a customs officer - and what are you carrying in your suitcase?".

Yours faithfully, CHRIS HOBBS. 17 Harker Terrace, Pudsey, West Yorkshire.

From Mr R. Jeffay Sir, The customary reply to "Why do Jews answer a question with a question?" is "Why shouldn't we?" flener, January 8).

R. JEFFAY, 14 Pinmill Brow, Manchester 12.

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### COURT **CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM January 9: Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE January 9: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon. Patron. The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland, opened the Association's Diamond Jubilee Scientific Meeting at the Queen Elizabeth 11 Conference Centre, London SW1, this evening. Lady Aird was in attendance.

### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Niels Stensen, anatomist, Copenhagen, 1638; John Acton, 1st Baron Acton of Aldenham, historian, Naples, 1834; Karl Wettach (Grock). tast; Kart Wettach (Grock), clown, Recouvilier, Switzerland, 1880; Robinson Jeffers, poet, Pittsburg, Pennysylvania, 1887; Dame Barbara Hepworth, sculp-tor, Wakefield, 1903.

DEATHS: William Land, archhishop of Canterbury 1633-45. executed, London, 1645; Carolus Linnaeus, botanist, Uppsala, Linnaeus, botanist, Uppsala, Sweden, 1778; Mary Russell Mitford, essayist and dramanist, 
Swallowfield, Berkshire, 1855; 
William Frederick Cody (Buffalo 
Bill). Denver, Colorado, 1917; 
Sinclair Lewis, novelist, Nobel 
laureate 1930, Rome, 1951; 
Gabriela Mistral, poet and novshirt Nobel Jaureate 1045. Newelist, Nobel laureate 1945, New York, 1957; Dashiell Hammen, writer, 1961; Gabrille (Coco) Chanel, fashion designer, Paris. 1971.

### Sir Yue-Kong Pao

A service in memory of Sir Yue-Kong Pao will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Thursday, January 23, 1992. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets in writing to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 23. The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SWIP 3PA, enclosing a stamped art-dressed envelope. All are welcome to attend.

### Appointments

Latest appointments include: Sir Donald Acheson to be Chair-man of the Health Advisory Committee for the Prison Service. Mr David A. Thompson, Chair-man of Rank Xerox UK, to be Chairman of Sight Savers (Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind), in succession to Sir Frank

### Church news

Canon Michael Middleton, Rector of Hexham, diocese of Newcastle, has been appointed Archdeacon of Swindon, diocese of Bristol, from July 1. He succeeds the Ven Kenneth Clark. who retires in May after 10 years

### Derrick Hartley Russell

A memorial requiem mass for Derrick Hartley Russell will be held at Doual Abbey, Woolhampton, on Friday, January 24, 1992, at 2.30pm.

### **Birthdays** today

Sir Walter Bodmer, geneticist, 56; Mr Eddie Cheever, racing driver, 34; Sir Robin Chichester Clark, former MP, 64; Mr Justin Evans, youth and recreation worker, 89; Sir Arthur Gold, honorary life president, European Athletic Association, 75.

Mr Sidney Griller, musician 81; Mr Derek Hammond 81; Mr Derek Hammond-Stroud, baritone, 66; Sir David Hopkin, chief metropolitan stipendiary magistrate, 70; Sir Derek Hornby, chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, 62; Sir Robert Marshall, civil servant, 72; Dr Peter Mathias, master, Downing College, Cambridge, 64; Mr Denis Peach, former chief charity commissioner, 64; Mr Anton Rodgers, actor, 59; Mr Valerie Strachan, a deputy chair-man. HM Customs and Excise, 52; Mr Erroll J. Yazes, chairman and managing director, Kodak,

### Today's royal engagement

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, will attend a concert given by the Birmingham Chamber Orchestra at the International Convention Centre at 7.00.

### Memorial service

Major Roger Mortimer A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major Roger Mortimer was held yesterday at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Lambourn, Berkshire. The Rev William Stewart

officiated and read the lesson. assisted by the Rev Richard McLaren Mr Charlie Mortimer. son, read from the works of Harry Graham and Shakespeare. Briga-dier Raoul Lempriere-Robin gave an address.

### Association of Lancastrians in London

Sir William Barlow has been installed as President of the Association of Lancastrians in London for the ensuing year. Dr N.B. Smith has been elected deputy president and Lord Taylor of Blackburn elected a vice-

### Dinner

Lord Mayor entertained at dinner at Guildhall last night the Chief Commoner and members of the Court of Common Council, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, the High Sheriff of Greater London, Mayors and Leaders of Greater London Boroughs, Aider-men, High Officers of the Corporation of London and Ward Clerks of the City of London. The Lord Mayor, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Chief

### Award

Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers' Company Mr Denis Burrell, Master of the Company of Coachmakers and Coach Harness Makers, has presented Mr Peter Ward with the company's 1991 Award to

Commoner were the speakers.

### School announcements

Churcher's College. Petersfield

Lent Term began at Churcher's College on Tuesday, January 7. The Entrance Examinations are to be held on Saturday, February 8. Old Churcherians' Day will be Sunday, March 22, with the Old Boys v lst XI Hockey match at 2.30pm. The new Sports Hall is now in use and the official opening will be held during the term. Term ends on Friday, April 3, following the Founder's Day

and Head Gin. The Codege Confirmation Service will be conducted by The Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man. on Sunday, March 1, at 10.30am. The Adrian Hookham Sevens Tournament for Preparatory Schools will be held on February 29. Termends on Annil 3 ends on April 3.

Occuswood School

The Spring Term at Queenswood School begins on Sunday, January 12, and ends on Saturday, April 4. Confirmation will be on King William's College,
Isle of Man

Spring term begins today. James
Quinn and Stephanie Jackson are

Saturday, March 28, the Service being conducted by the Bishop of Bedford and the Rev G. Rogers. The School Concert will be on Saturday, March 14, at 3.00pm.

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Michell, Provost of Trinity College,
Durhant, and David John Murray
Wright, commoner of the college
1970-42.

The Bishop Suffragan of Kingston upon Thames, the Right Rev Peter Selby, has been appointed the William Leech professorial fellow in applied Christian theology at Durham, from September. The post is for five years and the fellowship alternates between the universities of Durham and

Dr Selby was formally Canon Residentiary at Newcastle Cathedral and diocesan missioner until his appointed to Kingston in 1934.

London New fellows of University College New Ichows to University Course, Professor Bernard Cohen, Mr Anthony Egginton, Professor Sir Anthony Egazien, Baroness Flather, Mr Fully Hugh Halsey, Professor Harold Jenkins, Dr Brian Professor Harold Jenkins, Dr Brian David Gwynne Morgan, Professol Edwin Albert Power, Dr Arin Saunders. Dr Richard Turner-Warwick, Professol

Honorary fellows

Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following:

Doctor of Laws: Prince Sad-ruddin Aga-Khan, UN co-ordinator for humanitarian aid to Itaq: Baroness Dunn, chairman, Hong Kong Trade Development Council: Mr Raymond Head. Leeds University bursar: Mr Christopher Mowell, clerk of the Clothworkers' Company; Mr Merlyn Rees, MP.

Doctor of Letters: Mr David Puttnam, film producer and president. Council for the Protection of Rural England: Miss

Doctor of Music Miss Fanny Waterman, pianist

Doctor of Science: Sir Charles Frank, FRS, physicist; Professor Stephen Jay Gould, professor of Beology and zoology. Harvard

### Birmingkam

Appointments The personal tide of professor of biblical studies has been conferred on Dr M. D. Goulder, reader in the school of continuing studies, from last October. Dr D. J. Kerr, senior lecturer in medical oncology and honorary consultant physician at Glasgow

University, to the chair of clinical oncology, from April 1. Professor M. G. Robinson, director of drama at Loughborough University, to the chair of drama and theatre arts, from April 1.

### **OBITUARIES**

Bill Naughton, novelist and play wright, died yesterday in the Isle of Man aged 81. He was born in Ballyhaunis, County Mayo, on June 12, 1910.

Bill Naughton, son of Irish parents who left for Lancashire in search of a better life soon after he was born, was most famous for his novel Alfie (1966). This was a reworking of a tale of a sexy opportunist. Alfie first saw life as the radio play Alfie Elkin and his Little Life (1962), and then in the London stage production at the Mer-maid in 1963, with John Neville in the title role and Gemma Jones as one of the women he wronged. It was filmed soon after, rather slackly directed by Lewis Gilbert but with Michael Caine as a memorable Alfie and Vivien Merchant playing the put-

upon female. The film, helped by Caine and a title song, spurred sales of the book and turned Naughton into one of the most successful of the "North Country" writers. But Alfie, although an example of well-executed popular writing and important in its own right, was by no means his best work.

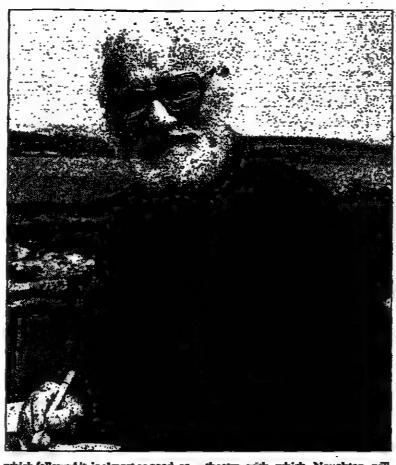
Naughton grew up in Lancashire, as he vividly related in the semi-fictional sketches of his first (and best) book, A Roof Over Your Head (1945). He was educated at St Peter & St Paul School, Bolton, and thereafter, during the late 1920s and 1930s, worked as a weaver, coal-bagger, long distance lorry driver and, finally, before taking to writing, as a civil defence driver

during the war.

A Roof Over Your Head, published by Pilot Press, was commissioned by Charles Madge who was at one time. like Naughton, a member of the Mass Observation team. It remains one of the most moving accounts of what life was like under the shadow of the dole queue in the north of England. It was described by John Betjeman as a "work of genius", although Naughton himself could never see wity. His later writing became sentimental, if only in the best possible manner; but these early sketches (which end with fragments from a wartime diary) are all the more effective for being entirely unsentimental. Not a few readers have been reminded by it of the relentless accuracy of L. S. Lowry.

Pony Boy (1946). a story for boys.

## **BILL NAUGHTON**



Which followed it, is almost as good, as are the majority of the stories finally collected as Late Night on Watting Street (1959). These first appeared in magazines in the 1940s and 1950s and helped to make Naughton's name. By the time he came to write the novel One Small Boy (1957), the story of how a west Irish family just like his own came to the Lancashire mill towns, he had lost the touch of genius, aithough even this is a charm-ing and enlightening book.

Much of Bill Naughton's early dra-matic work was for radio and he work.

for all levels of brow. He was just as likely to be heard on the Light as on the Third Programme. He began writing stage plays in the late 1950s. The first, produced as My Flesh, My Blood (1957), eventually became Spring And Port Wine; it was produced at the Mermaid, the London

theatre with which Naughton will always be associated, in 1965 with Alfred Marks in the lead. It then became a film in 1970, directed by Peter Hammond and starring James Mason as a stern father who has a not-too-convincing change of beart. With All in Good Time (another Mermaid play) and Alfie it forms the dramatic trio by which Naughton will be remembered.

The sometimes brutal realism of Aifie was just enough to keep its sentimentality in check, and Naughton deserved its immense success. Alas, his attempt to capitalise on it, Alfie Darling (1970), his seeblest effort, was of no consequence, although he had nothing to do with the abject script for the filmed version of 1975. The Family Way (1966), for which he wrote the script with Ray Boulting and the experienced Jeffrey.

Dell, about a bridegroom who cannot consummate his marriage, was sharper in its shorter television version, Honeymoon Deferred, but nevertheless had its underliably comic moments in the British good-clean dirty-joke farcical tradition.

Probably the best of Naughton's later work is to be found in his many radio and television plays, which inciuded on television the Nathaniel Titlark and Yorky series (the latter written in collaboration with Allan

Radio drama is still an unduly neglected form in Great Britain, but there is no doubt that such plays as Timothy (1956). Seeing a Beauty Queen Home (1960) and The Mystery (1973), which won the Prix Italia in 1974, would sound just as well today as they did when they were first performed. There were other writings, including three more sets of stories. two more children's books, and several stage plays, including some for his adopted town of Bolton.

But most notable were the two books of autobiography, again going back to his childhood, On The Pig's Back (1987) and Saintly Billy (1968). Both of these were published by the Oxford University Press, and a third, Neither Use Nor Ornament, awaits publication elsewhere

Rill Naughton was fundamentally a very serious man as well as a master of the playwriting craft and a superb humorist. Lake many another in his position, he received the attentions of the media, but hardly approved of them. In his days as a long-distance lorry driver (upon which he drew for that best of all his stories, Late Night on Watling Street) he had haunted second hand book shops and discovered the Meditations of Marcus Aurelius. This in time led to a devotion to The Cloud of Unknowing and the works of Meister Eckhart. When (only partly for tax purposes) some 20 years ago he retired to Ballasalla in the Isle of Man, he did so in order to grow roses and to contemplate. In this he probably found what he had missed in commercial success, for he

was in no sense vulgarly "occuli".

He had two children by his first marriage, which ended in divorce.
His second wife, the former Emestine Pirolt, survives him.

## PASTOR EILIF KROGAGER

Pastor Ellif Krogager, pio-neer of cheap holidays and founder of the Tjaereborg travel agency, died in Denmark on January 7 aged 81. He was born in Jutland on February 5, 1910.

KNOWN as Denmark's "fit ing vicar", Pastor Eilif Krogager, a fiery Lutheran priest in the tiny west Jutland hamlet of Tjaereborg, near Es-bjerg, pioneered overseas travel for Danes, who had been starved of sun and foreign travel duringthe Nazi occupation in the second world war. In 1950 Krogager took a flock of 70 parishioners with him on a now historic bus tour to Spain, thus starting Tjaereborg travel agency, with the local bishop's approval. This was to lead to a business with a £450 million turnover and offices abroad, including London,

challenging many local charter operators. From modest beginnings,

using the vicarage as its headquarters, Tjaereborg Travel was soon operating a fleet of 80 buses to holiday destinations in the Mediterranean Krogager moved into the air charter package holiday market, purchasing two second hand DC6 airliners from Swissair and setting up his own Sterling Airways which was later to become Western Europe's largest privatelyowned charter airline with a fleet of 40 aircraft, dispatching over a million Scandinavians on cheap charter tours to sunny holiday resorts in the

south every year.

Although Tjaereborg specialised in charter holidays at exceptionally low rares to the Mediterranean, it also offered an extensive pro-



gramme of tours to not-sosunny capital cities such as London and Paris, to skicentres in the Alps, Austria and Norway and to more exotic destinations in Africa, the Far East and the United

In the 1970s, under Krogager's direction, Tjaereborg opened in Germany and the British travel trade was taken by surprise when it started operations in London offering holiday packages on a cut-price, direct-sales basis. ations. Krogager launched Tjaereborg into the hotel business, buying or buying shares in hotels in Austria, Italy and Spain as well as operating a major airline catering service based at Copenhagen International Airport.

Krogager was an ardent champion of cheaper air travel. Under his leadership, Sterling Airways engaged in protracted struggles against the scheduled airline SAS (Scandinavian Airlines Systems) on the lucrative Copenhagen-London run, offering fares at only a quarter of those charged by SAS.

Krogager resigned from his priesthood in 1972 to devote himself solely to the gravel industry. "I am only a mediccre priest," he once said. "I have preached the same sermon for close on 40 years." Indeed, to many Krogager was regarded as more of an astute businessman than a man of the cloth. He adopted the modest title of travel consultant in his vast holiday concern but sold out and retired in 1988.

Krogager disposed of Tjaereborg to its main rival in Denmark's charter holiday market, the Copenhagenbased Spies Travel Agency. His charter airline Sterling Airways was sold to a Danish-Swedish consortium in 1987.

He is survived by his actress wife, Gorma, and their daughter.

### **MARION** ZUNZ

Marion Zunz, television producer, died in a skiing accident at Alpe d'Huiz (French Alps) on January 5 aged 39. She was born in London on September 21, 1952.

MARION Zume's life was an unfinished quest which moved through distant and isolated places in all the continents of the world. In the field and in the laboratories of Cambridge University, she examined the character traits of animals which she loved and defended against human predators and a changing environment. Her prize-winning "Meerkats United" on Wild Life on One (1988) exhibited her quirky sense of humour and artistic vision.

She became known and recognised through her work with Sir David Attenborough. As producer on Trials of Life she shared in the five nominations for the 1991 BAFTA awards and in the two awards given for the best documentary series and best photography. Between 1987 and 1990 Marion Zunz had produced "Growing Up", "Courting", and "Continuing the Line" in that series.

From 1979 to 1990 at the BBC Natural History Unit, Bristol, Marion Zunz had worked on the series The Discovery of Animal Behaviour, Animal Magic, Monkey Business, The Wildscreen Awards and similar series. Among her memorable productions were "Rainbow Sa-fari" (1983); "Why Dogs Don't Like Chilli" (The Natural World); and many of the Miniature Worlds documentaries (1987).

She was scientist and philosopher and a genius with the camera. When she left the BBC last year to become an independent producer she had planned a number of programmes for herself which would also advance the cause of conservation. She was about to leave for west India to film the last surviving Indian libra in the Oir Forest, which number less then 300.

At the time of her death, Marion Zunz had practically finished a two-and-a-haif year project in which she followed the lives of a family of ele-phants in Kenya; and she was planning a series of sequels which would continue to follow the individual history of the eleptions family.

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Perhaps her greatest achievement was the creation of a network of mends and admirers throughout the world whom she brought together in her productions. Her vitality and ideals welded them into a dedicated com-Dany producing films which were celebrations of the animal world.

Marion Zunz rejoiced in all of life; she flew to Mexico for the World Cup, went ballooning, had a pilot's licence, and recently did a parachute jump for charity. On Sannday, she left a final note on her desk diary at home:
"Going skiing-WHOOPEE!" On Sunday, she fell off the mountain.

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. Bennett and Miss A.S. Thomas

The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs Eric Bennett. of Duffield, Derbyshire, and Anna, which departments of Duffield Derbyshire, and Anna, which departments of Danield Metallic Company of the Anna Metallic Company of th only daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Thomas, of Solva, and windon, Wilshire.

Mr K.E. Berenguer and Miss V.M.L. Thomas Mr G.R. Tillyand and Miss E.F. Thomas Admiral Sir Richard and Lady Thomas, of Emsworth, Hamp-shire, are delighted to announce

the engagements of their two elder daughters: Victoria to Keith, son of Dr Thomas Berenguer, of Norfolk, Virginia, and Mrs Henry Donato, of Charleston, South Carolina, and Emma of Guy and M. Robin Tibeard of Guy, son of Mr Robin Tillyard, of Granborough, Buckinghamshire and Mrs Michael Charter, of Hyde. Fordingbridge. Hampshire. Mr J.C. Bushby

and Miss A.C. Pridents The engagement is announced between Jonathan Carlyle, son of Mr and Mrs John Bushby, of East Horsley, and Anna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Prideaux, of Wimbledon.

Mr P.S. Cook and Miss L.A. Baker The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr A. Cook and Mrs M.I. Cook, of Cwmbran, Gwent, and Louise elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T.N. Baker, of Potters Bar,

Herrfordshire. Mr B.J. Coombes and Miss S.A. Lotis

The engagement is announced between Benjamin John, eldest son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J.D. Coombes, of Stoford, Salisbury, Witshire, and Sally Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rex. Loss, of Woolstone. Gloucestershire

Hargreaves, of St Andrews, Fife.

Captain C.J. Hay and Miss C.J. Windsor Mr M.M.B. Corley and Miss A.J. Harrisones The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Roger Corley, of London, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John

Mr N.G. Himbelwood and Miss E.C. Henderson

Mr J.M.J. Derry and Miss M.E. Fox The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Dr and Mrs J.A. Derry, of Bisbrooke, Rutland, and Mary, daughter of Mrs J.M. Fox and the late Mr W.J. Fox, of Barham, Kent.

Mr D.C.R. Glasenek and Ms A.J. Fettes The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr L.D.N. Glascock, of Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire, and Annette, eklest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.G. Fenes, of Weavering, Maidstone,

Mr.N.R. Georgies and Miss S.M. Smith The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of the late Mr N.K. Gooden and of Mrs S.A. Gooden. of Crowthorne Berkshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.E. Smith, of

mbe. Lancashire

Mr M.R.E. Graves and Contenn A.D. Rhodes

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs R.J.E. Graves, of Canon Frome, Herefordshire, and Dominie, daughter of Captain J.W.F. Rhodes Stampa, MC, of Long Load, Somerses and Concesse Flavia Stampa Gruss, of Monmouth, Gwent.

Mr P.M. Harris and Miss E.D. Rosalki The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Harris, of Plymouth, Devon, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Oswald Rosalki, of St Albans, Hornordshire.

The engagement is announced between Charles John, The Gordon Highlanders, younger son of Dr and Mrs John Hay, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Caroline Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Windsor, of

The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. Grant Hinshelwood, of Cardinals Rise, Braughing, Hertfordshire, and Evelyn, youngest daughter of the late Mr Bruce Edmond Henderson and of Mrs Margaret Henderson, of Kurrajong Hills, NSW, Australia.

Mr B.J. Hopkins and Miss K.E. Johnston and Miss K.E. Johnston.
The engagement is announced between Barnaby James, eldest son of Dr Jean-Marie Hopkins, of London, NW1, and Mrs A.T.U. Park, of Old Weston, Cambridgeshire, and Kaurina Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip G. Johnston, of Hong Kong and Scotland.

Mr J.A. Kemsley-Pein and Miss C.A. Bastett The engagement is announced between Jereny, elder son of Dr and Mrs N. Kemsley-Pein, of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mrs. C. Methuen-Campbell, of

and of Mr David Bassett. Dr T.J.W. Kenny and Miss E.A. Holloway
The engagement is announced
between Timothy, elder son of
General Sir Brian and Lady
Kenny, and Elizabeth, daughter
of Mr and Mrs Nigel Holloway,
of Karsinsi Codin.

Mr R.T. Kirman and the Hon Penciope Jame Helma The engagement is announced between Roger Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Kirman, of Wimbledon, SW20, and Penelope Jane. daughter of Lord and Lady Holme of Chellenham, Lurgashall, near Petworth, West

of Kassiopi, Corfu.

Mr AJ. Lindsay and Miss HJ. Adair The engagement is announced between Alassair, accord son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Lindsay, of Linon Cheney, Dorset, and Heather, daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Adair, of Belfast. Mr S.W. McCamicy and Miss S.J. Davis

The engagement is announced between Scott William, son of Mr and Mrs R.G.S. McCamley, of Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, and Samantha Jane, eldest daughter of Mr Keith Davis, of

Mr.J.A.V.C. Massocia and Miss C.H. Mayfield

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Masterton, of Greenland Farm, Lurgashall West Sussex, and Caroline, elder daughter of Lieutenam Colonel and Mrs Richard Mayfield, of Ewhurst Park, Ramsdell,

and Miss C.P. Marsden-Smedley and Miss C.P. Marsides-Smedley
The engagement is announced
between Christopher, younger
son of Major David Miller, of
Pyrford, Surrey, and the late Mrs
Mariegold Miller, and Catherine,
daughter of Mr and Mrs
Christopher Marsden-Smedley,
of Burrington, near Bristol.

Lieutenant J.M. Miller, RN and Miss V. Lloyd-Jones
The engagement is announced
between Julian Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Keith Miller, of Bierton, Buckinghamshire, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Lloyd-Jones, of Leeds,

Mr D.M. Peterman and Miss S. Nicol-Wade The engagement is announced between David Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Wolfe Peterman, of London, and Suzanne, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Thomas R. Wade, of Bermoda and USA.

Mr M.H.R. Purture and Miss A.G.S. Beach The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.S.B. Portman, of Upton, Andover, Hampshire, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Bench, of Minch-

The engagement is announced between John, second son of Mr Vivian Price, QC, and Mrs Price, of Limon, Kent, and Julia younger daughter of Commander and Mrs J.K. Lessey, of Tillington, West Suspex

Flying Officer S.M. Reed, RAF and Miss J.V. Donald

The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Reed, of Hemel Hempstead, and Jane, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert G. Donald, of Exmouth, Devon.

Lieutenant N.G. Routh, RN and Surgeon Lieutenant P.A. Mancais, RN The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Captain R.H.C. Routh, RM, and Mrs Routh, of Godminster, Bruton, and Penelope, daughter of Commander A. Mancais, OBE, RN, and Mrs Mancais, of

and Miss C.E. Heywood The engagement is announced between Charles . Antony Lawrence, son of Captain and Mrs Antony Skinner, o Winchester, and Carol Elisabeth daughter of Group Captain and Mrs Denys Heywood, of Deddington, Oxfordshire.

Mr D.C. Spargin and Miss R.S. Servant The engagement is announced between David. eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.M. Spurgin, of Chaldon, Surrey, and Rowan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs

T.E.H. Servant, of Caterham.

Mr 1.5. Thornton-Kemsley and Miss G.M. Stevenson The engagement is announced between lan, son of Mr and Mrs. Nind. Mrs Nigel Thornton-Kemsley, of Thornton, Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire, and Griselda. Mr K.D. Tompkins

The engagement is announced between Keith, youngest son of Mrs Toupkins and the late Mr Clifford Tompkins, of Bedford, and Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Owen Wynne, of Ivinghoe, Buckinghamshire.

Dr J.W. Trescribech and Miss J.S. Rostron

The engagement is announced between Jan Willem, younger son of Dr. and Mrs Willem Troughach, of Dordrecht, The Netherlands, and Julie Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles

Mr D.L. White and Miss P.V. Morris The engagement is announced between 2nd Lieutenant David Lindsay White, The King's Regiment, elder son of Mr and Regiment, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.L. White, of Northern Ireland, and Paula Vere, daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin

Morris, of Bucklebury, Berkshire.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army BRIGADIERS: A F Gordon - To be Def & Mil Adviser India, 6.1.92; M J STUDDIE - TO NAMO DEF COIl India, 6.1.92; S M A Lee: TO SHAPE, 6.1.92; G D Williams - To be Comd Tpt & Mov HQ BAGE/REG BRSC, 7.1.92; G Geal - To MOD, 3.1.92.

COLDNELS: W H Backhouse - To be Cound 11 Signal Brigade, 8.1.92; J C L Ring - To be COS Shaff College, 8.1.92; D Studiery - To DRA Fort Haistead, 6.1.92; J A McGregor - To be Trg Adv Abu Dhabi UAE, Z.1.92. ADU DIRAN UAE Z. 192.

LIEUTEMANT COLONELS: P Chaganis ECT - To Staff College, 6.1,92. G P Chipmin RE - 70 HQ SEDIST. 6.192. M R PAUL RAT - 70 HQ UELF. 6.192. M R PAUL RAT - 70 HQ UELF. 6.192. M R PAUL RAT - 70 HQ D. 6.1.92. H G PEIOU. 10 BE ANN MA PARIS. 6.1.92. G GUIDAN RAGE - 70 MOD. 6.1.92. J RUBERINS 9/121. - 70 MOD. 6.1.92. J RUBERINS PAPEL - 70 DE COMM Maint HQ SWOIST/ AFHQ. 6.1.92. P MARINISTON WALES DIV LYPIER B. 1.92. J R SOOWMAN RAGE - 70 MOD. 7.1.92. L M WILLIAMS RAGE - 70 COD BICKERS. 6.1.92. D A WYLING DEVIS II - 70 EXCHANGE APPER ANGLIAN - 70 HD URLES 6.1.92. N ANGLIAN - 70 HD URLES 6.1.92. N ANGLIAN - 70 HOUSE RAGE - 70 MOD. 2.1.92. H C Abela EA - 70 MOD. 2.1.92. H C A

youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Stevenson, of St Andrews, Fife. | 11.1.22. | References | 11.1.

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CICLITIRA - On January 8th	Yorkminster Fund. c/o Col. D.C.H. Millington. O.R.E. Church House.	Killick. A loved and respected again and greet- atml and an inspiration to all the family. Her body has	Funeral Services, Parliament Street, Burnier, tet: (0282) 59696.	an eriotes newspaper, detail	E310 pter Tel OSS S64205 CENTRAL Wimbledom, Modern	42-57 Earls Creat Read Lector Walds OPEN 64 5(07 - 547 4" THATES 10-2 St. N. Historian control	PUBLIC NOTICES	of the insolvency Act, that Colun George Wiseman, FCA, and Simon Geoffrey Paterson, MIPA, hadh of Mesers Booth While, SB	-
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brother for Katherine. COPE - On New Year's Day, to Kate (nee Johnson) and Tim.	Lid. F/D, lei: (0534) 37291. CDOPER - On 9th January. Mary Nugeni, peacefully in	Service will be held inter. KRONSTER - On Jamusry 9th 1992, pagestally at home	Amenda and tather of Ameron. Supplemental and tather	RUGEY & Nations Cup. All tripes bought & sold + Joseph. Phan- lon, Seigon. Les Mis. Strakes, Clapton etc., 071 839 8363	int oveleted dat. ggr. gdn, long let £550 per 071-352 6475.	LOW COST	Nessee is bereity given that the ANSUAL COURT OF COVER NASES of this Corporation will be beid at St. Thomas' Hospital.	nish Creditors free of charge with such information concerning the above Company's affairs as they may mandatably require	IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP: NOTHE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the
DAWSON - On January 8th, at East Surrey Unwited to	Bath, beloved sitter of George Cooper and Citilen Ardagh, Funeral Service at St. John's RC Church, South	after a long tilness courageously faught. Cynthia Andrey (nie	Thankspiving 2.30 pm. January 17th at Att Saints	SPA WHIRLPOOL, Sents 6, tre- slanding in coder play cablest indoor & outdoor covers, hips	5720 per 071-684 7248 cvs.	AIRFARES	London SE1, at 3.15 pm on Tue- day Oth Jone 1992, to receive the Annual Report of the Committee of Management, to elect Officers	Dated this 6th day of January 1992 By Order of the Beard J. park(INSON	insoftency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Price Waterbouse, Victoria
daughter, Ellen Georgina Holly	16th January at 11.30 are.	Devenish-Meares), wife of the late Joseph Alexander. Dear mother of Isabel, Henry	Rowers only. Donations if wished to Stanhoe Church c/o John Lincoln F/D, 40	markés finánt, Parsonat immert from USA. Resson to sell. Tel: 0896 622861 er 0895 449143 This Tiales - 1791-1990 other	furbilited I bustoom flat, con- tentent for take & for Heathers etc Stat and couple. £160 at inc braiting control to	*CANADA *ALSTRALIA *NEW ZEALAND *SOUTH AFRICA	for the onsuing year and to trans- act such other business as may be necessary Notice is also given that	DIRECTOR  KITE CONSTRUCTION LIMITED Registered number: 2210453	House, 76 hillion Street, boiling hare, NG1 SQY on the 21st day of January 1992 at 10 00 o'chock in the forenous for the purpose of
de RIVAZ - On December 29th 1991, to Rosalind (see Clark) and Anthony. 4 son: Frederick George Chevalley.	donations in New to British Red Cross or CAFON as	and Gregory, Service at the Church of St John the Septist, Buckhorn Weston, Dorset, 'an Thursday,	Greevegate. Hunstantin. Norfolk. SCOTT - On December 27th	titles available. Feedly for pre- arrention - blee " Sandays". £17.50. Remember When OBj- 696 6325.	EARLSPELD 12 mins Water100 16 mins Earls Court, 2 bed Ref.	fares evaluable Tel: 061 680 0800	COLRTS OF COVERNORS, if required will be held at 2.25pm on the following Wednesdays in 1992. 22nd January at the Royal	Nature of business Builders Trade classification. 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 6th January 1992	tending up to the appointment or joint administrative receivers. progress in the receivership and
a brother for Alexander. Catherine and Charles.	DAWSON - On January 8th 1992, Anthony Douglas	January 16th at 12 noon. followed by churchyard- burist, Enquiries to J.H.	1991, suddenly in Charing Cross Hospital, after a road accident. Michael Scott. Charished husband of Cherry	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	1 single, 1 side, living rm, 11 kg. fridge freezer. w/machine, hab/s/vm, etc. Uniters. COM. gen. \$550 pcm. 071 782 7761	SN TRAVEL IATA 9120697	Plant College Greanwich: 15th April 15th Joly and 21st October at Trimpy House Tower Hill ECS. 29 King William Walk	Name of private appointing the administrative receivers. Lloyds Bank Pic. Joint Receivers. Jamie Taylor and Peter Gotham roffice	to elect a committee to represent the creditors Dated this 7th day of lanuary 1992
PISHER - On January 8th 1992, at S. Margaretta Hospital, Sydney to Amanda tode Scrutton) and Robert, a	Gillon, of Lewes, aged 75 years, rejuctantly at home after a long liness. He will be greatly missed by his son	Kenyon Lid., London, lei: (071) 937-0767. LANCASTER - On January	and father of Sarah and Natasha. Family funeral service at Guards Chapel.	EGIROMENIS	FULLIAM SW6. Lovety, quiet stogle bedroom flat to let. 6130per Tel. 071-731 6216.		Greenwich, SE10 9HX J Atlan, Serrelary	holder nos 2748 and 1111 of Mesers. Taylor Gotham, Warren House. 10/12 Main Rose. Hockley, Esses 955 4RV.	D J BLENKARN ACA Joint Administrative Receiver NOTES 1 A creditor will be entitled to
son. Higo James, a brother for Georgia. FORSYTH - On James 90	Funeral Service to take place at St. John's sub Castro.	7th, Vice Admirul Sir John Strike Laucester K.B.E., CB. father of Patricia and Joan, Puneral Service on Tuesday	Wellington Barracks.   London, at 11 am on   January 12th, Committal   Sarvice at Gruline Church,	SOUNDS IRRESISTABLE	PAV GAPP (Management Ser- vices) Lid Reguler properties to costral, touth & west London arous for wasting Applicants. Tal: 071-043-0964.	When booking Air Charler based travel you are strongly advised to obtain the name	LEGAL NOTICES	Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver	yele at the meeting only if details of the amount claimed to be due from the company have been lodged with me at THE 4BOVE
1992, at 5.26 am, to Pater and Vicki, a son, Thomas, 6lbs 1cz. Grandson for.	Lewes. on Wednesday January 15th at 3 pm followed by private tremetion. Parally flowers	January 14th at 11.45 am. Portchester Cremstorium, Upper Cornewsy Lane.	lule of Mult. at 2 pm on Japu- ary 14th. Memorial Service on February 22nd at Cuards	You can sits hire a plane from us from as little as £20	Tal: B71-243 0964.  HAMPSTEAD Immac. 2 bad. 2nd Roor fat, F/F, trage peops balcone, power shower, bats. 6220pw. G71 637 3961 ext.240	and ATOL number of the Tour Operator with whom you will contracted. You	ENGINEERING LIMITED THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IN HEREBY CIVEN SUBMERLE B RECTOR 98 of the	A Country Club Limited Registered number 1960481 Nature of business: Golf and Lei- mure Club Trade classification.	ADDRESS no later than 12 00 noot on the besiness day before the day third for the meeting and the claim has been admitted in
Thomas Lestie Forsyth and Ron and Maryaret Thompson, Graight thanks	chly, donations if wished to Lewes Victoria Hospital League of Friends, c/o	Portchester, Hasta No flowers but if desired docations to Royal Naval Bentvolent Society, 1. Final	Chapel at noon. Donations in reamony to Seve the Children Pund. If desired, flowers to Ballard Ltd., 308 Old	per month with an option to logy later.	NOW OR 071-235 8861 for the	confirmation advice carries tals information if you have any doubts check with the	intoivercy Act. 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held as the offices of Donoleton &	39. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 13 December 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers. The british Libert Bank.	accordance with the insolvency Rules 1986 2 Cardifors may vote either in person or by proxy and a term of
to staff at Durham Dryburn Hospital. All well. GRUGEON - On January 7th,	Cooper & Son Funeral Service tel: (0273) 476557. DORREER - On January 6th, at Weybridge after a short	Street, Landon EC4, LANG - On January 6th, auditanty in Bristol, Edith	Enquiries (071) 937-1870. SEVASTOPULO - On	MARKSON PIANOS Tel: U71 938 8682 UNV1) UB1 854 4517 (95.18)	best selection of hurnished flats and houses to rest in Belgravia. Crightshrigas and Cheles. MOLLAND PARK. Good size (/)	ATOL Section of the Civil Aviation Authority or, 071-832 5620/6600	Aspanie 32 High Street, Man- chester on Wednesday 22 day of Jahitary 1992 at 12 o-clock room, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the	Imited. Joint Admitistrative Receivers: A P Suppersions and P P Cosp soffice holder not 2703 and 1788. Address. Sloy Hay	proxy is included herewith A proxi should be lodged with me, if possible before the meeting 3.4 company mass vote either through a representative produc-
to Paul and Katherine (nee Fowell), denumber, Elector Charlotte.	liness. Dr. James Moore, beloved busbend of Roth, devoted father of Peter.	Mary, aged 75 years, Widow of John, dearly loved mother of Brace. Stewart, Janet. Shella, Allan, Heather and	January 4th, suddenly at home, Angela Helen ince Moen), aged 41, Beloved wife of Robert and dear mother of	071 381 4132 (SW6)	2 bed find in pretty St. Suit nhar- era £200 pw 0831 369295 ICHNS W14. Secure 2 had 1 bor.	For a free leafed up the ATOL Scheme, ring 071-832 6363 (24 hours)	Pursuant to Section 98, Subsec- tion (2) at the Art, Mr Peter	Ward & Baker Street London WJM 1DA.	ing a certified copy of a hoard resolution appointing him or by praxy.
GURNEY - On January 9th, at St. Thomas's, to Monica and Claud - a brother for Rachel and Hannah.	Mark and Luke and dearly loved by all his family and pamy friends. Therest Service, 2 pm, Wednesday	adored grandmother of Alexander, Joanne, Fiona, Iona, Andrew, Benjamin, Robert and Zot. Finneral	Stephen and Mark. Funeral Service al Charing Crematorium on Tuesday	Sons on our extensive range of new \$/H and Digital Planes. Free celalogue. The Plane Workshop, 304 Historie be	Upig. gdn. Cause take: Chirly inc £278pm Q81 741 1747 MMGMTSERIDGE Russes Cass. 3 bet. 1 recuption, kitchen, bath. fully farn flat. Quiet Sq.	LOWEST FARES WORLDWIDE	Lorans of Popoleton & Applety. 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with	MAXWELL BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LIMITED UN ADMINISTRATION:	vote only in respect of the balance of any of his debt deducting the value of his security as estimated by him He must lodge in accur-
HARRIS - On December 25th 1991, in London, in Calbertne (nie Davis) and	January 18th at St James Church. Weybridge. No flowers please, but donations	Service at Trinky United Reformed Church, Canbrook Road, Radiand	January 14th at 21 am. Family flowers easy: memorial donations. If desired, would be assured-	SELF-CATERING	hath, fully furn fiat. Other Sq. £260 ptv 071-562 2681. MARTILE ARCH Maytair. Hyde Park. Flagal lang & short lots	Date to recession handreds of greeks again at give attray proce. Skitchel American Johnny Parts	such information as they may information require DATED this 7th day of January 1992 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD	Registered number: 1333922. Nature of business. Holding Com- pany. Trade classification. 46 Administration Order made: 3 January 1992 Jonn Admunistra-	dans with now I will them use ing the particulars of his vecturity. The date when it was given and the value at which he assenses if
Russell, a daughter, Jestica, a sister for Jack. LEWIS - On December 21st	is The Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign most welcome	Bristol. on Wednesday January 18th at 2 pm. followed by cremation.	ated for the R.N.L.I. and may be seni c/o J. Perigoe & Son, Bank Street. Cranbrook,	GREECE Southern Prioponses near Monarkvasia. Old Sub- soned Creek house by spa. Faston 0725 869516	Friendly service & advice Globe Aparts 071 958 9512 sed 1980s MODERN suppor two room fail.	Athens L.S.A. Banglok Inde Caro Augurdia Many more	M J F Biertasz, DERECTOR  Denois W LOSS, Alternay for	tors softer bolder nost J C A PHILLES :6481: and C G BIRD (1257)	Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented of 10 vote.
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MACLEOD - On January 7th 1992, to Penny and Rory, a son, Henry David Roderick, a brother for Miranda and	Father of Judy Gibsen. Sarvice at Holy Trinity Church, Formby, on Wednesday January, 10th at	General Office, St Michael's Hill. Bristol, 1952 SBJ. MACLARAN - On Tuesday	ness in his 92nd year, Walter Herbert, FCA, beloved husband of Windred, of	ACTOR TOWN. Prof n/s to share list has 4 mins Pic Line. £70 pw eac. 081-992 3571,	fight (/) bath, left, recept, all most cons. £1000ppm, 081 800 susp small Greenists. Lux 1 bed flat solven £210ppm inc £24/9/W	Some discounted schedule (lights when booked through	OF MARION COUNTY INDIANA DOCKET NO. 4908-9112 AD000548 IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF KATHRYN	purmant to Section 98 of the innerwore; Act. 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviol House, 186-192 High	MARINA CROLP LIMITED MARINA CROLP LIMITED PARK & CD LIMITED  AU by Limitedon'
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C DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Cinyer Award-winning memory-play, set in 1930s Donegal, returns with a new casi. Garrolk, Charling Cross Read, WC2 (071 494 5085) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mets Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 150mms.

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Duchess, Catherine Street, London WC2 (071-494 5075) Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fri, Sat, Spm and 8.45pm. 130mins ☐ THE GIGLI CONCERT: Barry Footer is obsessed with making an insh millionaire (Tony Doyle) into the new Gigh in Tom Murphy's powerful fable. Atmelda, Almedia Street, N7 (07:1-369 4404) Mon-Saf, Spm, mat Saf, 4pm.

THE MARVELLOUS BOY: Public Parts take a quizzosi lock at the Bristel prodigy, Thomas Chatterion: good performances in a semblist play Bush, Shepherdo Bush Green, W12 THE MYSTERIE OF MARIA

XERXES: Nucrolas Hytrer's bright, olean production of Handel's romantic comedy-opers returns to the English National Opers returns to the English National Opers repertors, revived by Julia Hotlander five Rollion, making his heare debut, conducts a cest nauded by Ann Murray recreating the role of Xerxes, with Jean Rigby and Yvorna Howard alternating in the role of Amestria, and Norman Balley as Anodates. First high! Colliseum, 5t Martin's Laine, London WC2 (071-836 3161, oc 071-240 5258).

ANDREW STRONG: A one-off ANDREW STRONG: A one-off performance by singer Andrew Strong, whose vocal talents were showcassed in the Alan Parker film. The Commitments. He elbum, of the same name, has been nominated for a BPI sward for best sound-track album. Town & Country. Highgate Road, London NWS (071-284 0303), lonight, 7 30pm.

RESOLUTION: You take your chances with this new year's dence series from The Place, London's leading contemporary dance venue. The event contemporary dance venue. The event to ppen to any young company walling to take on the challenge of promoting their work at their own risk. This year, two companies from the series will be thinted to present their work in Lille, Cofogne, Brussels and Amsterdam alongside their Continental peers. Resolvion begins tonight and continents until January 29. The Place Theatre, 17 Dukes Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), tonight, tomorrow, 8ptm.

SLATE VOICES: As part of the ICA's live art series, singer Staned Jones presents her latest work. Can Y Grag, inspired by the state mines of her ristive Wales. With musical composition by

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### CURRENT

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THE COMMITMENTS (15). Hard-bitten Dubin youngsters form a soul band Fresh, furny, and buoyantly played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker Camden Parkeray (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683).

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Gleaful version of the old thriller, tun by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but

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II THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN

Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-arded play where Tom Conti argues the case for bagamy. Wyndham's, Cherning Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-8s1, 7 30pm, mais Thurs, Sat, 2,30pm 150mms.

THE SEA: Judi Dench splendid as

the vitage grande-dame in revival of Edward Bond's "comedy" of rage and

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TARTUFFE: Paul Eddington dithers, John Sessions cons, Felicity Kendal is bold in a nearly successful detective comedy re-opens a famous 19th-century murder case. Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (081-590 4080), Tues-Sat, Spm 135mins

Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm mals Wed, Sat, 3pm, 120mins. Final

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ENCHANTED APRIL (U). Four Englishwomen share an Italian villa in the 1920; withy lines, fine performances, civilized entertainment Starring Mranda Richardson, Joan Plannacht Joseph diseason disease.

Curzon West End (071-439 4905).

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SUBURBAN COMMANDO (PG):

Inane, juvenile action burlesque, with wresting star Hulk Hogan sa galacti warrior at large in suburbas. Starring Christopher Lloyd, Shelley Duvall; director, Burt Kennedy Odeons: Kennangton (0426 914868) Mezzanine (0426 915683)

TOTO THE HERO (15): Jaunty, absurds I comedy about youth, old age and Me's disappointments from subented new Belgian dwester Jaco van Dormael With Michel Bouquel.

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V. I. WARSHAWSKI (15). Dingy,

with Keithleen Turner as the street-smart terminist sleuth Director, Jeff

Kanew. Odeons: Haymarket (0428 915353)

clumsy, foul-mouthed thriller extracted from Sara Paretsky's detective novels,

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El A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of bineful cidies Good fun. Whitshab, Whitehell, SW1 (071-867 11191 Mon-Thurs, 8 15pm, Fri, Sat, 8.15pm and 9pm 120mms.

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Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street,
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BBC WELSH SYMPHONY

ORCHESTRA: Mark Edger takes time off from English National Opera to conduct the BCC Welsh SO, and with him are ENO regulars soprano Selly Burgess and bass Gwynne Howell Together. They perform Divorák's The Noonday Winch and excerpts from Barto's one-act opera Duke

Stuebeard's Castle, and at between, to erd's Castle, and in between, the drs/inguished Russian planet Dmshi Alexeev plays Liszt's Concerto No 1 St David's The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 371236), tomorrow, 7 30pm.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL MIME LOWDON INTERNATIONAL NIME FESTIVAL: The lestival opens with Masks, Myth and Megic performed by Jett McBride, an athietize American making curring use of light described in the US as "an incredible eye-popping extraveganza". Later in the festival Festival Drammatico Vegetale from Italy (IESSEN) an attractionary since where. Fastivel Drammatics Vegetale from Haly present an extraordinary show where

the limbs of the body become little personalities (Purcell Room from Wed); Thethe de Complicate in Ave Maris (ICA from Mon); and the event-winning Black Mime Theatre perform their latest piece, Drowning, a reaction to alcohol (Young Ve Studio Inten Mon). The leatival continues until January 25. Purcell Room, South Bank Centre, London SE 1 (071-928 8500), temperow, Sun. Spm.

EOS: This new chamber group, conducted by Charles Hezlewood, promises for its first London

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Symphony, Jamee Ouley is the young
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filternations (which is the Murenauons (which will be accompanied by a specially commissioned film), and Oso Gould and Philip Dukes play the violin and viola in Mozart's Sintenia Concertant viola in Mozari's Sinforia Concertainte
There's also a new work by Rachel
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81.John's, Smith Square, London SW1
(071 222 1061), tomoriew, 7.30pm. AMERICAN DISCOVERIES: The ICA presents three consecutive Sunday evenings of 20th-century American music for pano and electronics, given by Philip Mead and Stephen Montague. The first recital includes tives's Sonata No 1, hop peces by Henry Cowell, Aeoban Harp and Banshee, Montague's own Hastu, the first three of William Bolicolm's Sh New Etudes, Doug Futton's Bowling for Blood, Brian Bevelander's Synthecismie, and Alvin Curran's From Elector Highly.

Rigby ICA, The Mail, Landon 8W1 (071-930 3647), Sun, Spm.

Acrobatic energy: Tim Taylor and Sian Williams

# Late, limp and left-over

THEATRE

A Christmas Carol Sadler's Wells

JUST as we had hoovered away the last of the needles shed by the last of our Christmas trees, it is Yuletide propaganda time at Sadler's Wells. Two pages of the programme are given over to a list of carols, and two more to seasonal recipes, including Festive Goose: "remove the long wing pinions (and the feet if they have been left on) and any remaining feathers and quills ... Perhaps somebody should tell the producers that Christmas was old news 15 days ago.

What matters rather more is that the show itself would have been old news 15 years ago. Now, I have nothing against tradition. I am certainly not in the market for hardrock Dickens with punk Tiny Tims burning their crutches and mooning at the audience. Yet as Scrooge's story cranked blithely along yet again, and the man beside me woke himself up with a sudden snore, I caught myself idly wishing for just a touch of imaginative originality.

Actually, there was a moment late in the evening when I thought that commodity had materialised. The Ghost of Christmas Future turned out to be a 15-foot puppet swathed in dark green from its dim, mummified face to its invisible toes. It looked highly impressive; but it proceeded to do no more than stand at the back of the stage, occasionally making a tiny flapping movement with its papiermaché hand, like a royal personage too tired to give a proper wave. Before long it could be ignored, like much

else in Leah Thys's production. The evening opens, inevitably, with the cast assembled behind a gauze Victorian Christmas card singing of peace and good-will, happiness to rich and poor, love and joy evermore. and other unexceptionable things. The scene shifts from Scrooge's oddly library-like office (why all the books?) to a snowscape (angular icebergs inexplicably perched in front of a village twinkling in the murk) to London (good old St Paul's looming above the Georgian houses). The company, in their dresses and their frock coats, burnble merrily around the streets, sing yet more upbeat ditties, and pose on a pile of gift-wrapped parcels with that genial cove. Charles Pemberton's Ghost of Christmas Present

There is a good moment, reminis-cent of the RSC's Nicholas Nickleby, when they form a phalanx and mime a moving coach; but it quickly passes. There is a potentially good one when, briefly transformed into death-bed scavengers, they snatch at the clothes of Scrooge's putative corpse; yet the eerie, dangerous atmosphere Dickens described evaporates in the hubbuh The director seems to know little of the power of suggestion.

Nor is she into stillness. The show is badly overmiked. So much shrill, spectral clanking and creaking precedes Marley's Ghost that the old boy's entry is almost an anti-climax, notwithstanding the large amount of white light and green smoke he brings with him. Even some bois-

A mushroom face exuding deathly disdain: Ron Pember as Scrooge

terous technical gremlins decided to gatecrash the party, spoiling the Cratchits' Christmas with what variously sounded like a dog panting. someone blowing his nose, and a man splitting his trousers as he sat down. And what of our hero, the man with

the impressively advanced attitude. towards Christmas mawkishness? Well, Ron Pember may be responsible for the adaptation, but he is also a good, honest actor; and for a time his

mushroom face, with its cobweb hair, exudes a deathly disdain. He does a mean "bah humbug". But his. Scrooge thaws too quickly and completrly. True, Dickens uses the word frisk at the end; but should so frolicsome a spring lamb really emerge from the deep freeze? As with much else in the evening, I could not quite believe it.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

### DANCE

The Nuteracker Festival Hall/Covent Garden

AMONG the array of dancers from America. Australia, Cuba, Estonia, Italy. Russia and Sweden taking turns in the leading roles of The Nutcracker at the Festival Hall, English National Ballet has actually managed to squeeze in a couple of English contestants.

Josephine Jewkes has been with ENB for nearly ten years and danced the lead in its last production, too. Although her strength is as a dramatic dancer, she applies herself to this classic role with an attractive simplicity and careful attention to detail. Certainly, I found her approach more sympathetic to the music and the choreography than that of the new Australian "resident guest". Elizabeth Toohey. Her cheery smiles and hard-pressing energy will probably be better suited to other works, but hardly sit very happily on Tchaikovsky's tinkling music for the Sugar Plum Fairy, and they broaden Ben Stevenson's production does. Her partner was the company's

new English soloist, Stephen Sheriff:

a little tentative now and again during his debut performance, but with a good presence and a stylish manner that reflects his Covent Garden background. For sheer dash in the solos, however, he was outshone by another recruit. Carlos Acosta.

Acosta, a graduate of the Cuban National Ballet School, looks amazingly confident for the 18 years of age with which the programme biography credits him, but has aiready won a string of medals at international competitions. His skill as a partner seems to match his solo virtuosity, and his comparative inexperience shows only in the standing and walking around which is an essential part of the prince's role.

Meanwhile, the Royal Ballet put out a good new cast this week in its very different Nutcracker: Belinda Hatley and Sergiu Pobereznic, Both bring a personal touch to the roles: she a neat, crisp elegance, he a buoyancy that produced startlingly high tows en l'air to start his solo. This performance offered a special bonus in the presence of Stephen Jefferies as Drosselmeyer a role he fills out with so much unexpected detail and such conviction and gesture, that for once the character took mainspring of the dramatic action.

JOHN PERCIVAL

## CONCERT

The King's Consort Oueen Elizabeth Hall

WHETHER the king happens to be Charles II or James II, Purcell's very own reigning monarch, as his followers know, is now Robert King. With his Consort he gave on Wednesday the last concert of a project to perform and record all the composer's Odes and Welcome Songs.

King has the knack of making a true occasion of even the most obscure occasional piece. No suppressed rebellion and, mercifully, no "ringing of bells and store of bonefires stimulated this performance of the Welcome Song for King James II. No great melodic charge coursed through its jingolstic stanzas, either. But King and his small band of soloists lovingly turned each rhythmic inflection, each elusive metrical

change. Britain's greatness was purred out by James Bowman, archlute, organ and cello; Michael George's bass was sent to fathorn the depths of Hell. With Robert Evans in duet, the fate of neither bass was found wanting. Purcell at his greatest appeared briefly and wonderfully in the final

couplet, a single, thin unison valedic-tion worthy of Dido herself. James Bowman, whose own professional 25th anniversary falls this year, must have lost count of how many times he has listened to the stroked chords which summon up the Sons of Art for the Ode for the Birthday of Queen Mary, This time. though, in a moving celebration of the generations, it was Michael

Chance, Bowman's true successor,

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who gave the first clarion call while Bowman sat smiling on the sidelines. Bowman was a match, though, for the sprightliest hautboy in "Sound the Trumpet". Accompanied with suppleness and taste, he went on to strike the viol and touch the lute in the company of two recorders, archite and duicet organ.

The scarlet body of the Choir of New College, Oxford dominated visually and provided superb balance aurally in both this Ode and in a light. dancing performance of Handel's Coronation Anthem, My heart is inditing. James O'Donnell, who had given discreet and yet imaginative support in the Purcell, came into his. own in a performance of Handel's B Flat organ concerto. His solo second movement brought an interlude of evening well deserving of it.

HILARY FINCH



### THEATRE-Dinner Dance Lyric, Hammersmith

WHEN Jeremy Kingston reviewed the first version of this show last August, at the Edinburgh Festival, he commented on an imbalance of effectiveness between its two haives. This is

Act I. A Slice of Life, is set in a small domestic kitchen with skeletal walls. Into and out of this confined space three separate couples (male-female, male-female, male-male) tumble and scramble. They overlap, somehow occupying the same space but only interacting when a gesture is shadowed, a character is assisted in moving to a different level, or when an object thrown by a member of one pair is intercepted by a member of another. Each couple's movements suggest the restricting nature of their relationship: tentative, supportive or combative. Snatches of banal dialogue reinforce the impressions or

merely mystify by their obliqueness. Taped music (composer: Howard J. Davidson) is complemented by a cellist who plays behind a screen. There is a sequence to which the soundtrack is a radio phone-in, another with a parody of a "concerned" Woman's Hour feature. A short-tempered bicycle courier delivers a package for each of the six in turn. As the beautifully co-ordinated sumbling reaches some sort of a climax, the packages are opened, revealing body harnesses, and the couples burst out through the walls. In Act II, Throw Caution to the

Wind, the seven have thrown out their clothing with it, wearing the har-nesses over bikinis. The cellist is now visible while the others acrobatically dance about the cleared stage, above which an open refrigerator is suspended. (No, neither do 1).

The taped music is repetitively rhythmical, with the cello adding a strongly romantic flavour. The stage pictures are reminiscent of the circus or of Minoan bull-dancers. Just when the activity threatens to be become boring, the dancers collapse in a

heap. When movement resumes, phrases and words are sung out and eventually all are singing what might be part of a choral mass. The singing increases in intensity and replaces the dancing: unison singing and the end of the show arrive together.

I was never bored, often amused and sometimes moved: I am full of admiration for the stupendous energy and commitment of the performers. But I don't think the Kosh has found or created a new synthesis of dance and drama. Dinner Dance is a dance work, with more characterisation than most choreographers provide, but choreographically it is not innovative. Playwright David Pownall is cred-

ited with the spoken element of the show, and Sian Williams's Kosh dancers are a gifted bunch, but I fear that, despite the good pedigree of all involved, this attempt at cross-breeding has produced no more than a very attractive mule.

TONY PATRICK

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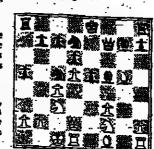
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1.50 Film: Seven Cities of Gold (1955). Standard historical adventure based on the true story of Fr. Junipero Serra (Michael Rennie) who is 1796 accompanied a Spanier military expedition from Mexico to annex California. With Richard Egan and Anthony Outno. Directed by Dahoet D. Michael 2020 by Robert D. Webb (87686855)

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3.30 Popeye Triple Bill. Carbons (9028294) 2.50 Bitsa. Recycling household junk (s) (6900518) 4.05 Charlie and the Chocolata Factory (t) (3915749) 4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTad (t) (1016316) 4.30 Hangar 17. Mickey Futton is the host of this new caberet venue (s) (9339768) 4.55 Newsround Extra (5222346) 5.10 Grange Hill. (Ceefax) (s) (7941652) 5.35 Neighboure (t). (Ceefax) (s) (532316). Northern Ireland: Inside Lister

6.00 Six-O'Clock News and weather (Ceetax) (519) 6.30 Regional news magazines (671). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

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7.00 Wogan. Terry is joined by Lovejoy's lan McShane and Phytie Logen, and Joss Ackland (s) (447671)
7.35 Harry and the Hendersons. (Cestor) (s) (758300)



Making the most of country mucle service with a sinile (8.00pm)

CHOICE: If you cannot trank of a new afteom oring back an old one and give it a new setting. Viewers of a certain age will remember Are You Being Served? In which a cheotic department store was run with a stream of doubles entended by the likes of the military Captain-Peacock, the mincing Mr Humphries and the leggy Miss Brahms, not to forget Mrs Slocombe and her pussy. The same characters, and virtually the same jokes, have been reassembled by the writers Jerseny Lloyd and David Croft and relocated to a country hotel. They have got there by way of a scenario checkily echoing the Robert Maxwell sage in which the store's proprietor raids the staff pension fund, turns up his toes and leaves a collapsing business. Given the enduring appeal of eeaside postcard humour, and the tried conic talents of Mollie Sugden, Frank Thomton, John Iriman and Wendy Richard, the show can hardly fall (s) (5497).
8.30 Caught in the Act. Home video catastrophes from around the world, presented by Shane Richier (s) (4872).
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Cestax) Regional news and weather (8132).
9.30 Love Hurts: Take it to the Umit. Adam Faltin as the millionaire plumber in amorous pursuit of charity worker Zoe Waramaker in a

plumber in amorous pursuit of charity worker Zoe Wanamaker in a relaxed drama by the Birds of a Feether team, Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran. (Ceetax) [s] (786855)

10.20 Film: The Boys from Brazili (1978). Efficient suspense thriller based on ira Lavin's book about the Nazi Dr. Josef Mengele (Gregory Peck) and his mission to continue the Aryan race from Brazili suspense Office Leven Marks 128 Delayer and (gregory Peck) and his mission to continue the Aryan race from Paraguay. Starring Laurence Olivier, James Mason, Lilli Palmerandt Deniholm Elilott. Directed by Franklin J. Schaffner. (40381). Northern Ireland: Sportscare; 10.45 Ormabus; 11.45 Film: Greystoke — The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes 12.20am Film: Jack the Ripper (1958; b/w). Flet dramatisation of the mystery aurounding. Victorian London's Infamous serial Idier. Starring Eddis Symp. Leg. Patterspagnand Betty-McCoyeell. Directed by Robert S. Baker (1958)353; 1.49 Measther. (7576508)

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8.00 Breakfast News (1511584) 8.15 Stage Struck. Five people struggle to become actors (r). (Cestax) (4507768) 8-55 The Travel Show Traveller, Royan in France (r) (9274403)

9.80 Yours To Keep. The story of Down's synctrome sufferer John Taylor and his bid for film standom (2420395)

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10.05 Film: Roman Holiday (1953, b/w). Charming remarkic comedy starring Gregory Peck as an American journalist who meets Audrey Hepburn in Rome, unswere that she is a princess. Directed by William Wyter (63318120)

12.00 Chine Does Pay. Keith Blackler visits. Agailte Christie's home town of Torquay to celebrate the centenary of her birth (7) (85300)

12.30 A Year in the Life: 20 Years On — Torry Robel Rocker. The Holl's Arrest who homenage a business apartitus (1) (9513478)

Hell's Angel who became a business executive (r) (9513478)

1.20 Greenclaws. Carloon (r) (61589749) 1.35 Look Again at Garden 2.00 News and weather (18669584) followed by Sport on Friday.

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© CHOICE: Heldi was a bright little girl of times and a half when she was dreadfully injured in a car cresh. Taken to hospital with a fractured skull, she was in a coma for a month and it was brouch and go whether she pulled through. Now 14, she is crippled, severely brain damaged and has the mental ability of a child of five. Laune Mayer's report to parby the story of Heldi and how her parants have coped with the tragedy. It also tooks at how the ternity has arranged to provide for her financially, forgoing the option of lamp our damages in tavour of a structured settlement. Pioneered in the United States, the system allows the money to be paid out gradually throughout the person's life. Thanks to a recent change in British law such payments are free of tax. By the time Heldi reaches 65, the settlement will be worth £9 million (3039)



A messy business: Gay Search and Geoff Hamilton (8.30pm)

.30 Old Gazden, New Gardener

CHOICE: Geoff Hemitton and Gey Search roll up their sleeve CHOICE: Gaoti Hamston and Gay Search roll up their sleaves and demonstrate how three highly unpromising gardens can be turned into things of beauty. Here at least is a gardening series located in the reel world, insteed of the tentasy one where soil orumbles in the hand and there is not a weed in sight. All the gardens have just been taken over by new owners, probably much to their horsor. One is overgrown and neglected. Another is virtually bere, except for an old apple tree and a proless swing. The third is the basic world of a termina house, described by the above a second. the back yard of a terraice house, described by the estate agent as "well-stocked" but in reality a mess of rubble. Despite a tendency

"well-stocked" but in reality a mess of rubble. Despite a tendency to make light of long and arduous jobs by telescoping them into a few seconds, this promises to be a useful series. The emphasis is on elbow grease rather then spending large sums of money (8774) 9.00 Film: Rachel River (1987). Slow-moving television movie about a divorced mother and radio journalist (Permeta Read), whose own lite reaches crisis point as she delives into the lives of others. With Craig T. Nelson. Directed by Sendy Smolan (7403) 10.30 Newsnight (201377) 11.15 What the Papers Sey (174128) 11.30 Darts: Semi-finals in the Embassy World Championship (52855) 12.38mm, Westher (6803985).

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6.00 TV-em (6870958) 9.25 Keyrotas. Aistair Dival hosts the music criz (6567652) 9.55 Themas News (6149478)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Make Scott hosts the daily topical discussion programme (5286942)
10.40 This Morning (3370497), incl at 10.55 ITN News headines, and at 11.55 Themes News
12.10 Rainbow. Children's entertainment (9765294)

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1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) (61305923)
1.50 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama (s) (60372497)
2.20 Smooker. The Mercantile Credit Classic (1393584) 3.15 ITN News headlines (4068132) 3.20 Thamas News headlines (4065045)
3.25 The Young Doctors (6251584)



Their destiny is unknown: nomes without a home (4.25pm)

OCHOICE: The title conjures up hulks in swearshirts piloting juggernauts along some American highway. In fact the heroes of this new children's adventure could hardly be more different. For one thing they are only four inches high. For another they live, move and talk fan times faster than humans. They are the nomes, created in book form by Tenry Pratichett and brought to the screen humans Rean Transpace and the falented Congrue Hell spirmston. created in book form by Terry Pratchett and brought to the screen by writer Brian Trieman and the talented Cosprove Hall animation team. The nomes used to live in peace in quiet corners of the English countryside. Then their habitats were destroyed by the motorway. In this first episode the handful of surviving nomes decide to make their escape by historing a nide on a passing lorry and setting off for a destination unknown. It is an appealing show, built on the writues of a brisk narrative and the assured bland of reality and faintesty (3913381).

4.40 Woodt (Crecle) (5) (5992229).

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (6940956).

5.40 News with Fiona Amistrong. Weather (614039).

6.55 Stx O'Clock Live. Danny Baker meets the Barnet footballer who lives and trains on Merseyside and Jeni Barnett offers new year.

tives and trains on Merseyside and Jeni Barnett offers new year clieting tips. Followed by weather (451294) 5.55 The Day (249300) 7.00 Pamily Fortunes. Les Dennis hosts the family quiz show (s) (7045)

7.30 Coronation Street (923)
8.09 Watching. Romantic comedy staming Emma Wrey and Paul Bown.
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8.39 Second Thoughts: Overtaken by Events: Bright comedy sense about a couple on the marriage-go-round. Starring James Bolam, Lynda Bellingham and Belinda Lang (s) (2300)

8.00 The Good Garys: Easier for a Carnel, Likeable, undernanding comedy drama starring Nigel Hevers and Keith Barron as two men sharing a flat. (Oracle) (9523)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stawart and Trevor McDonald. Weather (913887) 10.35 LWT News and weather (811010)

10.40 The London Programme with Trevor Philips (960584)
11.10 Geogram: The Marcariffe Credit Classic, Nick Owen introduces

the second semi-final match from Sournemouth (648671)

12.35em My Riviera. Actress Sylvia Kristel, ster of the erotic Emmanuelle films, talks about her favourite haunts on the Côte

D'Azur (6265459)

1.05 The James Whale Radio Show, irreverent humour with the caustic talk show host (s) (2407275)

2.10 American Gladiators. Grueting elimination tournement (s) (1341607)

3.05 CinomAttractions. Charlie Tuna previews forthcoming film releases in the United States (86454817)

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10.15 At Long Last Love (1975): Burt Reynolds and Cybill Shapherd in Broadway romance (174555) 12.15pm The Little Princeae (1939): Shiday

mentary about evolution (458671) 4.15 A Billion For Boris (1984) A trio of

Russ as a search (257925)
8.15 Horsey, i Shrunk the Kids (1889), Rick Moraris has an ecoident with his children has an ecoident with his children (1988); Tener chillen-three (727250)
11.40 Did Gringo (1989); Jame Fonds and Gregory Peck in Mexican story (60816671)
1.45am New York Stories (1989). Short stories inbout the city, directed by Martin Scoreese, Francis Ford Cappala and Woody Allen (90784332)
8.50 The Executioner (1978). Bloody Maria (19787632)

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 4.00pm Punky Brewster (7520) 4.30 Path-cost Junction (3774) 5.00 The New Leave it to Benver (7881) 5.30 Greenscress (1125) 6.00 Hern's Lucy (8039) 6.30 F Yroop (5519) 7.00 McHate's Newy (1497) 7.30 The Addams Family (4403) 8.00 Are You Beng Served' (3045) 8.30 Babes (9652) 9.00 Hogari's Hernes (41842) 9.30 Hern's Lucy (18229) 10.00 in Living Color (36911) 10.30 The Addams Family (36518)

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3.35 Raw Power. Rock video show (s) (4276985) 4.35 1991 Grand Sumo Championship from Japan (5259985) 5.30 ITM Morning News with Phil Roman (78188). Ends at 6.60

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Chennel 4 Daily (6798300) 3.25 Film: Les Misérables (1935, b/w). Still the best screen version of Victor Hugo's novel about an unjustly convicted man in 19th century France who escapes from prison and is relentlessly hounded by an evil police chief. Starring Fredno March as the victim and Charles Laughton as his termenter. Directed by Richard Baleslawski (18694039)

11.30 Kingdom of the Deep: People of the Sea, Film exploring the appeal of the sea! (1) (53188)
12.30 Business Daily (30251) 1.00 Sesame Street (80756)
2.00 Sweet and Lourdown (1944, b/w). A hackneyed drama about an ambitious trombonist provides a lively showcase for Benny Goodman and his band. Directed by Archie Mayo (43107)
2.00 Applications of the Mayor Mayor Michael Wood

3.36 Art of the Western World: New, Newer, Newest. Michael Wood concludes his exploration of the history of western art by looking at the crisis and confusion of the past two decades (r) (395)

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4.00 Travelog. On safar in Namabia (r). (Teletext) (s) (652)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley presents the words and numbers game. With Ball Tidy in the dictionary corner (s) (836)
5.00 Cutting Edge: A Plague on Your Home. Documentary about a plague of cockroaches infesting council blocks in London's East End (r) (4958)

6.00 Rossanne: Fender Bender. American domestic comedy series staring Roseanne Barr as a wise-cracking matriarch. Roseanne tells her former employer (Debra Mooney) exactly what she thinks 5.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross, who deals his trump card by

interviewing Ivana, the former wife of American property tycoon Donald Trump (s) (381) 7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teitaxt) Weather (921869)

7.50 First Reaction (363229)

8.00 Brookside, (Teletext) (s) (8107) 8.30 Quizbowt, Will Buckley hosts the sports quiz in which sports journalists from rival newspapers compete against one another. Tonight The Observer plays The Daily Telegraph (s) (3382) Cheers: Sar Wars — The Final Judgment. Polished American comedy set in a Boston watering hole Sam's (Ted Danson) Hellowe'en prank backfires against a rival bar owner (Teletext) (s) 1994(5).

9.30 How Does Your Garden Grow? Philip Wood and David Wilson explore the second of eight unknown private gardens across freland. Today, they visit Sandymount in Dublin where John and Verney Naylor's garden has been influenced by their love of mountains. (Teletext) (99045)

10.90 Draem Or. Pants on Fine. Bitter-sweet American comedy series, Martin (Brian Benben) is called to account over an extra-mantal affair. (Teletext) (s) (911229)



Giving the talk of the town: Irish comedian Sean Bean (10.35) 10.35 Ash Seen. An officest tour of Dublin by the Irish comedian Sean

Hughes, interspersed with clips of his live show at London's Town and Country Club (s) (698814)

11.15 The Word, Terry Christian, Amanda de Cedenet and Katle Puckrik with late-rught entertainment and conversation (s) (614213)

12.15em Film: Sign o' the Times (1967). The diminutive rock singer Prince sunches Channel 4's Rock the Box season by directing and state in a filtered concert as bis 1967 that we begin to the required.

starring in a filmed concert on his 1987 tour. Joining in the numbry on-stage entics are Cat, Shelia E and Sheena Easton (s) (936343) 1.50 Tonight with Jonethen Ross (r) (4449121). Ends at 2.20

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(Rhepsody in Blue, original version); Berlioz (Queen Mab Scherzo, Romeo and Julist) 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert cont: Deliue
(Over the Hills and Far Away);
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Hotal (Air and Variations for choe and string quartet);
Kodally (Suite: Hary Janoe) 8.30 News.
8.35 Composers of the Week:
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Op 54; Song-cycle,
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74 Nos 1 and 8; 74 Nos 1 and 2 9.35 Four Quartets: Mozart (Plano Quartet in E flat, K493); Talilu

Chertet in E flat, K493); Tallie (Mass for Four Volces); Françaix (Quartet for flute, oboe, charinet and bassoon); Beethoven (String Quartet in Aminor, Op 132)

11.29 BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier, with Rephael Oleg, violin, plays Mussorgelly (Fretude, Khovanschina); Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D); Shostakovich (Symphony No 5 in D minor)

mphony No 5 in D minor) Manchester: Joaquin Achucarro, piano, piaye Granados (El amor y la muerte: Epilogo, la serenada del espectro, Goyascas); Revel (Prelude in A nanor

Gaspard de la nuit)
2.00 Opera News (r)
2.45 Jessye Norman, soprano, sings Berlioz (La Mort de Cléopatre, Scène lyrique: Orchestra de Paris under Daniel Barenboim)
3.10 Youth Orchestras of the World: European Community Youth Orchestra under Matthias Barnert, with Salvatore Accardo, violin, and Mano Brunello, cello, plays Effott Carter (Concerto for

orchestra). Brahms (Concerto in A minor for vicin, cello and orchestra, Op 102); Prokoflev (Suite, Romeo and Julie) 5.00 Marry for Pleasure, with Rociney Stationd
6.30 Jazz by Arrangement The fourth of John Dankworth's record selections (r)

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11.30 News (FM only)
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lecturer in lew at Warwick university: Rabbi Amanda Goldby; and Dr Jannifer

Hockey, anthropologist, Incl 11,90 News

11.30 The Natural History
Programme: Presented by

Jessica Holm 12.00 News; You and Yours: with

Derek Cooper
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r)

John Howard 12.25pm The Food Programme: With

1.65 Shipping 2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Betrothed, First in a four-part

and Lucia (s) (r)

1.01 News( Special Assignment

1.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Fonde dips
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Metzmacher, with Lucy
Shelton, soprano, Mery King,
mezzo, Julian Pike, tenor, and
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writer A.S. Byett (a) (r)
9.45 The Village: Nigel Farrell
observes the lite of Bentley, a
amel nual community in
Hampshire (3 of 5)
10.90-10.30 Murder Most Foul (Fill
only): First in a series of six
murder cases in which
forensic evidence helped imp
the killer (a)
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only):
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Esther.
Read by Eleanor Bron (1 of 2)
10.30 Women's Hour. A phone-in
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bereavement including is
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studio are Dr Kerry Buglass,
psychiatric bereavement 9.10 Preserving the Land of the Morning Caim (FM only from 9.25): CHOICE Kelth Humand's

two programmes are about the musical culture of South Korea — news which, understandably, you may great with a grown. The reality is that Dr Howard keeps beredom at bey on all fronts, thanks to some excellent recordings of traditional korean music and thanks too some authoritative views. to some authoritative views to some authoritative views about the nation's extraordinary system of arts preservation. This designates its cultural assets either as "intangleles" (music, dence, cooking) or "human" (performers and teachers), and officially fosters both of them

9.25-5.20am Cricket (LW only):
New Zealand v England. The
first one-day international from
Auckland, with commentary
by Jonathan Agnew :
9.55 Vanbrugh String Quartet (FM
only): Mozart (Quartet in 8 flat,
K589); Shostakovich (Quartet
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No 7, Op 108) (r) 10.35 Henri Dutilleux at 75 (FM only): Roger Nichols presents Pour une amle perdu; Fantasio (Mary King, mezzo: Andrew Ball, piano): Résonances (Andrew Ball): Métaboles (French National Orchestra under Matintev Flostropovich); Praludes, D'Ombre et de silence; Sur un même accord (Generitive Joy, piano); Timbres, espace, mouvement (Lyon National Orchestra

journals of James Boswell, and talks to American writer Ellen Gilchrist 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Tim Marlow FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/295m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97 6-99 8. Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;FM-89-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1516m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.

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# Injections urged to head off flu epidemic

By Thomson Prentice, medical correspondent

A FLU epidemic could hit Britain within the next two months, a leading virologist said yesterday. Professor John Oxford said that President Bush's collapse with the infection on Wednesday should encourage more people to be immunised.

Strains of the same virus that has caused epidemics and outbreaks in at least 27 American states since last October have been identified in Britain, but vaccines available here are effective against them, according to research published in The Lancet to-

day.
"We don't yet have an epidemic in Britain but it is quite possible that we could have one in the next two months. It could occur as late as March. The spread of this infection is unpredictable." Professor Oxford, co-author of the re-

port, said.
"People particularly at risk, such as the over-65s and those with chest conditions, should seriously consider being vaccinated by their general practitioner.

Professor Oxford and colleagues at the London Hospital Medical College tested the efficacy of the vaccines against the American strains on 69 medical student volunteers. They reported an excellent response.

Figures due to be released today by the Royal College of General Practitioners are likely to reflect a big rise in British flu cases. According to the Influenza Monitoring and Information Bureau which is funded by British flu vaccine-makers, cases of flulike illness in Britain are running at 54.1 per 100,000 of the population, compared with 31.8 at the start of last

The Confederation of British Industry said yesterday that the number of workers on flu-related sick leave in Wales was reaching epidemic levels. Hospital admissions for flu-like illnesses, especially in the Cardiff area, have increased threefold in recent

Last November Kenneth Calman, the government's chief medical officer, wrote to all GPs recommending vaccination for the elderly and those with asthma, chronic

heart disease and diabetes. Professor Oxford said that due to his age and his medical history, Mr Bush, 67 was an ideal candidate for the flu vaccine and that his sudden collapse was typical of the rapid onset of the current

"He could have been infected in America and incubated the illness during his visit to Japan. He should have been immunised against flu because he is in the most vulnerable age group and he was ill last year," Professor Oxford said.

"I would be surprised if he was not given the vaccine, but even if he was, it is only 70 to 80 per cent effective."

The White House was unable to say yesterday whether or not Mr Bush had been immunised. A spokesman said the president was in excellent overall health and that his illness was "only a simple case of flu".

In the last epidemic in England and Wales, influenza caused 26,000 deaths during the winter of 1989 in the worst outbreak for 15 years.

Merieux UK, a British manufacturer of flu vaccine, said it conferred good protection against the current infection. The company said it had adequate stocks of the vaccine to cope with any surge in

## Resort brochure borrows a rival beach



Red faces: the embarrassing Cornish setting for a Devon advert

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS something about the colour of the sand on the front page of the brochure extolling the virtues of Paignton, Devon. which first raised eyebrows. Locals are proud of the redness of their beach and yet here was a picture which was supposed to attract tourists from all over Britain to the picturesque resort and all that could be seen was a vast expanse of sand which was, well, whitish.

"It doesn't look a bit like Paignton," said Bruce Thomas, the owner of a guest house, clearly offended that Paignton had been made to look more like the Caribbean. "The sand is a golden, white colour ... Who do they think they are kidding?"

It was not only the sand which was deep red. Ted Jones, chairman of the Paignton Hotel Association, which represents 120 members and had produced the brochure, had cheeks to match. "We had no intention of mis-leading anyone." he said. "It was just a nice picture."

Over the border in Cornwall, meanwhile, there was unbridled glee at Paignton's discomfort when it was revealed that the picture was in fact of

Newquay. "We always knew we had the best beach in Europe." said Ebby Anstey, Newquay's director of tour-ism. "I am tickled pink that Devon had to choose a Cornish beach to promote themselves."

Tim Whitehead, of the Torbay tour-ist board, was horrified. "If it had been me that had done this I would be out looking for a new job." he said. "We use a picture taken across the

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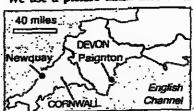
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whole of Tor Bay showing Torquay. Paignton and Brixham and it is superh. There was no need to go elsewhere; we have magnificent beaches."

A spokesman for the British Tourist Authority said honesty was essential in promotion work "as it is otherwise self-defeating, as Paignton is now



Red places: the true shade of beach that holidaymakers will find

## Dogs that didn't bark turn up their noses

40,000 French dog owners who have bought the device found an 83 per cent success rate with a further six per cent of dogs partly helped, said the behaviourist. "In my own tests of 100 dogs, 91 stopped barking and nine were partly helped," he said.

Dr Mugford, who caused dogs no distress, insisted that those which did not respond fully either lived with other dogs or "were not very intelligent".

Although the device appears to work with all breeds, some of the short-legged, lowslung, varieties, like dachs-

hunds, can cause problems by bashing it on the ground. Dr Mugford said the aroma did not necessarily have to be fired up the dog's nose, which opens up the intriguing possibility of hanging the device by the front door to prevent barking when visitors or the long-suffering postman calls. As barking is often linked device might offer an alternative to neutering or other techniques designed to curb such anti-social behaviour.

"Barking dogs are the commonest cause of complaint to environmental health officers in this country. I am told that France has become a much

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MEAN WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle, Which definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard

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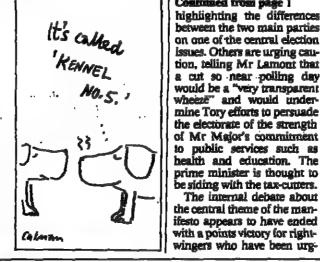
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troduced," said Dr Mugford. Yesterday at Crufts there were clear signs of attempts among the dog-loving frater-nity to rehabilitate dogs in the

public perception as man's best friend, with many owners regarding last year as an appalling one for the image of the dog. Few among the rest yapping was a good thing. but of course the possibility of silencing a dog with one foul puff might be of interest to more than the odd insomniac. A cat burglar, for Instance...

Crufts results, page 2



## Tories shape radical manifesto

ing Mr Major to draw up a

highlighting the differences between the two main parties on one of the central election issues. Others are urging caution, telling Mr Lamont that a cut so near polling day would be a "very transparent wheeze" and would undermine Tory efforts to persuade the electorate of the strength

to public services such as health and education. The prime minister is thought to be siding with the tax-cutters. The internal debate about the central theme of the manifesto appears to have ended

programme carrying forward. the sweeping changes made in the 1980s. However, Mr. Major and Mr Patten, his chief manifesto lieutenant. are determined to avoid a .-repetition of the 1987 election when confusion about intricate proposals for education reform plunged the Tory campaign into disarray.

One senior insider said yesterday that radical ideas would only be included if they also had the virtue of simplicity. The objective was an "innovative and exciting manifesto" but not at the expense of alarming voters. Labour kept up its assault

ic record with John Smith, the shadow characellor, accusing the government of running away from an election and refusing to face facts about Britain's, dire economic condition. The Conserva-tives branded Labour's plan to abolish the ceiling on national insurance contributions it would penalise many people earning less than £20,280

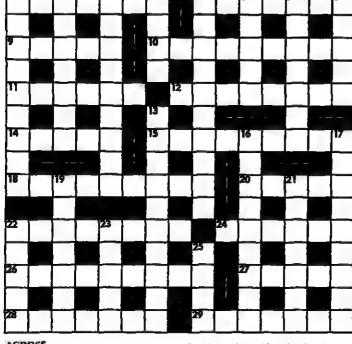
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overtime payments.

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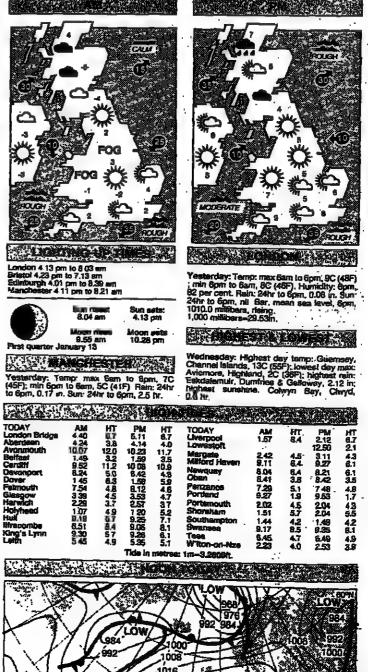
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Dollar soars in hectic trading

# Pound falls outside the **ERM** limits

BY OUR FINANCIAL STAFF

DM1.5660, its highest since

American interest rates were

cut last month, and more

than 5 plennigs above its

closing point on Wednesday

night. The rise was said to be

The dollar's strength

buoyed investors in the equity

market where share prices

were again racing away

helped by a firmer start to

trading on Wall Street and

better than expected Ameri-

closed just below its best of the

day with a rise of 30.8 at

2,497.9 in active trading

which saw more than 700

million shares change hands.

Many of the early gains were hispined by demand on the

futures, market where the

trade at a healthy premium.

But later in the day dealers

reported the presence of some good two-way business as

can economics news

THE pound was pushed against the dollar in trading outside the limits of the in the late afternoon to reach \$1.8450 at the official 4pm close. The fall cut 0.4 off the exchange-rate mechanism yesterday evening as pound's trade-weighted in-dex, and it closed at 91.0. the dollar soared on world markets in hectic trading. Against the mark, however, it The dollar gained more gained marginally during the than five plennigs against the mark after traders decided day to reach DM2.8404,

against an opening of that the currency's six-month decline had ended and that DM2.8395. In late trading the pound slumped a futher three-and-athe end of the American reession was in sight half cents, and by 1.30pm in New York it stood at \$1.81. The dollar was the main feature of the day as it climbed steeply against major currencies, particularly the mark, where it rose to reach

The move casued havoc in European currency markets and briefly pushed the pound outside its limit against the pescta for the second time this. week. In late afternoon, sterling touched a low point against the mark of DM2.8283.

The position was quickly corrected as the pound recovered, although central banks refused to intervene to calm the market gyrations as they are only obliged to maintain the ERM rates between 8am and 4pm. Yesterday's fall and the one on Wednesday are the only times the pound has breached its 6 per cent band in the ERM since it joined in

During the day, the pound lost almost three cents



BA AND KLM



Lord King has yet to . confirm that British Airways and KLM are in merger talks but the Dutch airline says it is ready to surrender its independence Page 21

### TRAILBLAZER

Toys 'R' Us, the world's largest retail toy chain, is blazing a trail in Japan and is at the sharp end of America's trade falks Page 22

HIGH HOPES



Roger Wiggs, Securicor's chief executive, has high hopes for a tracking device that can help locate motorists in distress Page 21

**TOMORROW** 

PROFILE



Henley Centre for forecasting, likes to describe himself as a man who gets to the future before the rest of us

### CHILD CARE

The campaign to get extra tax concessions on the cost of child care is gathering pace. Lindsay Cook looks at the arguments

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too easy for a few "boy racers" to give the rest a bad name.
Tony Howell, the Royal Mail's distri-

sharp rise may mark a turning point in its six-month fall. In July, it reached a peak of \$1.60 against the pound and DM1.8430 against the

George Bush's successful visit to Japan, encouraged dealers to think that an export drive will start to im-prove the American economy, while his apparent recovery from illness on Wednesday calmed fears about his health.

The optimism was encouraged by official American figures which showed prices paid by wholesalers falling 0.2 per cent in December to give an 0.1 per cent fall for the year, the first annual dedine for five years. The encouraging news on the infla-tion front to a large extent

Gateway

on fast

track to

flotation

ISOSCELES, parent com-

pany of the Gateway super-

market group, could be

floated on the stock market by

early next year, Ernest Sharp,

the group's chairman, said

The group made a pre-tax profit of £17 million (£700,000) in the six months

to November 9. After trading and financing losses of £13 million at Hermans, the

American sports company, are taken into account, the profit is £3.9 million, compared with a loss of £12.3

million. The profit takes into account the £1.8 million paid

to David Smith, the former

chief executive, and his part-

ner Liz Hignali when they left

Sales fell 4.4 per cent to £1.6 billion and the interest

charge on the group, which has £1.3 billion of debt, was

£85.3 million, down from £99 million. The net margin at

the Gateway stores rose from

5.8 per cent to 6.29 per cent

but the group lost volume and

market share. Like-for-like

sales, before inflation, were

Alistair Mitchell-Innes, the

group's chief executive, said

that most of the group's £100

million capital expenditure

would go on developing its Somerfield chain. There are

14 Somerfield stores, with

double that planned by the

April year-end. By the end of

next year, there will be about 60 Somerfield branches,

mostly through Gateway conversions.

At the other end of the

scale, the group has opened

15 Food Giants, a discount

chain developed to make bet-ter use of the 20 Gateway

superstores. Volumes have quadrupled at some stores.

Hermans, which is up for

ale, made a trading loss of

\$7.2 million, up from a \$4.8 million loss. Sales fell from \$305 million to \$297 million. Mr Sharp refused to say how

much the group expected to get for the business, which is

valued in the balance sheet at

The group is due to repay £158 million of debt in the next two years, with £100

million due in April next year.

Mr Sharp said the group was

confident of paying.

£200 million.

Royal Mail in van of better driving

bution development manager, said: "A business our size has a commitment to

the community to ensure our drivers

Alongside that commitment is an eye

to the bottom line. Accident repairs cost

the Post Office £11 million a year. Fuel

for the 35,000-strong vehicle fleet costs

a further £35 million. Even a modest

reduction in the accident rate, or im-

provement in fuel economy, could in-

Until now, Royal Mail districts have

The Post Office, in conjunction with

been responsible for their own driver

training, which can sometimes amount

the Union of Communication Workers.

the Freight Transport Association, and

the Royal Society for the Prevention of

Accidents, has now produced two videos

to train drivers, as well as offering pro-

to just half an hour's instruction.

crease profits considerably.

and vehicles are of a high standard."

down 2 per cent.

sparked by heavy buying by Wall Street investment 22,000 jump in those claiming unemployment benefits in the week to December 28. The data were seen as increasing the chance of a fresh interest rate cut soon. Dealers are now waiting to see the official American unemploy-

The FT-SE 100 index bank, said the dollar had reached the bottom of its fall. 'Now we are really seeing a market of the opinion that the situation in Germany is worse than we thought a year ago and that the US recession is March series continued to not the end of the world."

### Major and Kohl unite over Gatt

By OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, agreed in their first conversation of the new year that It is vital to reach agreement as early as possible in the

deadlocked world trade talks. Downing Street said the half-hour exchange by telephone yesterday focused on the Uruguay Round on freer trade, under negotiation for more than five years. Fears mounted during the Christmas break that the lack of progress in narrowing the gap between America and the European Community over farm subsidies could threaten

the whole ambitious deal. Remarks by President Bush during his Pacific tour suggested that America might seek its own solutions rather than the multilateral option offered by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which is chairing the talks. However, No 10 said there was a "shared determ;

ination on the part of not only Kohl and the prime minister, but also President Bush to reach agreement". Intervention by John Major came ahead of the meeting in Brussels today and tomorrow of EC ministers of trade and agriculture aimed at thrashing out a Communi-

ty stance before trade negoti-

have a style all their own.

dating to other road users.

INTO STRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AS ANY late-night London commuter knows, some Post Office van drivers

While it is encouraging to know that the Royal Mail is doing its best to

continue improving first class delivery times, an excess of zeal can be intimi-

Relief is in sight, however. The Post

Office will launch a national training programme next month for its 50,000

drivers. A spokesman dismissed sugges-tions that Royal Mail drivers were typi-cally worse than any other group, but he acknowledged that their vehicles are

easily recognised, and that it was only

ators reassemble at Gatt's Geneva headquarters on Monday. The Geneva gathering will hear formal government responses to the take-it-or-leave-it draft text for an agreement presented on December 20 by Arthur Dunkel, the Gatt director-general.

Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, told The Times that Community ministers would have to determine what their common position was if they wanted to "adjust" the Dunkel proposal on farm subsidies. Despite the firm rejection by France of the draft text. Mr Lilley said any final actilement would have to be "very close" to the existing proposal. Stressing the need to keep the Dunkel package essentially intact, he said urgent progress was needed.



Kohl: determined

fund managers began mak-ing selective purchases. Dealers said the dollar's

reflects lower prices.

Other data showed a

ment figures today. Paul Chertkow, the chief currency strategist for Citi-

## **Junk-bond rating for Ratners** FROM GILLIAN BOWDITCH IN LONDON AND PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

STANDARD & Poor's, the American credit rating agency, has downgraded Ratners Group's American shares by five points, giving them a speculative grading and putting them on a par with junk bonds. The rating has been placed on Creditwatch, which means it may be lowered or raised in the near future.

Gerald Ramer, chairman and chief executive of the jewellery group, will make a full statement to the London Stock Exchange this afternoon outlining profitability and Christmas trading. The

THE Bank of Credit and Commerce International has

Washington court, and

agreed to forfeit \$550 million

The plea was made by

Brian Smouha, the partner from Touche Ross who is

masterminding the liquida-tion of the collapsed bank.

Earlier in New York.

Lloyd's of London and the

Panamanian government falled to block the plea bar-

gain, when a bankruptcy

court refused to intervene in

the criminal proceedings

The insurance market and

Panama oppose the fine as

they are suing the bank for up

to \$62 million. The fine will

leave the bank with negligible

Lloyd's is also trying to

overturn the plea bargain in

the criminal court in Wash-

ington. Joyce Hens Green,

the judge, has decided to de-

lay her decision on whether to

accept or reject the plea deal

between the bank's liquida-tors and federal authorities

The insurance market is

suing the bank for up to \$30

million to cover its legal costs

in a case against Munther

Bilbeisi, one of the bank's

largest customers.
The case centres on a \$4

million insurance claim made by Mr Bilbeisi on a

Lloyd's underwriters have

against the bank.

assets in America.

until January 24.

coffee shipment.

grammes on topics such as the Highway

Code, transport law, drivers' hours and

to tail drivers through traffic in un-marked cars, it will clearly be difficult

for Royal Mail to know every driver's

shortcomings. But a spokesman was

confident that accident records, gossip

and observation would provide a good

The supervisors keep a close eye on

them," the spokesman said. "They know

The driver training scheme, called Maildrive, has already attracted inter-

Commuters and others may hope it is

also soon made available to drivers of

hired vans, second-hand Alfa Romeos,

and Ford Cortinas with dice dangling

indication of where to start.

est from other companies.

Short of instructing depot managers

Tempus, page 22 action against Mr Bilbeisi,

tachographs.

what goes on."

from the mirror.

in seized assets.

formally pleaded guilty to \$32.5 million, which it al-

latter is believed to have been exceptionally poor. He will also announce the appointment of a new chairman but will remain as chief executive. After the statement, Ratners will meet its bankers to renegotiate loan covenants. Ramers' American credit

Rolling stock: Alistair Mitchell-Innes, group chief executive of Isosceles, which plans a stock market flotation within three years

rating may change again after the announcement. If the group decides to pass the dividend on its preferred stock, which analysts believe is highly likely, the rating may fall further.

William Chambers, S&P analyst in New York, said:

**BCCI** admits racketeering in

\$550m Washington plea deal

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

who is now living in Jordan.

es was stolen by Manuel

The plea bargain and the

Noriega, the former Panama-

nian president, and deposited

in the bank.

"This ranking reflects the uncertainties we feel over whether the dividend payment on the variable preference shares will be met in cash on January 15. Ratners has the option to roll over the dividend payment, but this rating is based on their ability to pay it on time and in cash."

The City had been expecting S&P to downgrade Ratners by two points at the most. A five-point downgrading is unusual but not exceptional, S&P said. Ratners' \$250 million vari-

fine are essential to BCCI's

Dhabi government, the

bank's majority shareholder,

has agreed to inject up to \$4

billion into the bank to allow

depositors to recover up to 40

per cent of their funds.

rating, down two categories, but five points when pluses and minuses are taken into account. Chin Gan, S&P's London spokesman, said: "Any rating below a triple B minus is a

can depository shares have

gone from a BBB rating to a

speculative grade. Junk bond is a collective term for anything below a double B plus." Last night, Mr Gan said S&P had asked Ratners for information but had not yet re-

He added: "Ratners is basically a strong business which has been temporarily hit by exceptionally bad trading. There is uncertainty surrounding the availability of credit facilities. The rating may change again once we have more information and we see whether they intend to

pay the preference dividend." UK analysts said the downgrading is likely to cost Ramers about \$10 million a year in extra payments. The dollar off Ratners' American share price to \$17/16. The preference shares were unchanged at \$4.125 just after

the news.



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# Industry orders ease fears of recession in Germany

Germany is not about to slide into recession came yesterday from the economic ministry.

Industrial orders in November rose 0.2 per cent, according to provisional data released by the ministry. The figure is consistent with other statistics published this week, showing the economy recovered at the end of last year. Jürgen Möllemann, the economics minister, said the figures showed that domestic demand remained stable.

There has been a shift towards domestic orders, which orders fell 3 per cent. The fall in foreign orders appears to be a direct consequence of the mark's strength, particularly against the dollar.

The improving news, how-ever, might affect the present wage round and boost trade union demands for substantial wage increases. Some unions, including the metal workers, have demanded pay rises of more than 10 per cent, a move that has been criticised by the government and the Bundesbank for endangering monetary stability and economic growth.

enter recession grew last year after two consecutive falls in gross national product during ation and training prothe second and third quarters, but the economy seems to have recovered in October and

The economics ministry announced a 1.2 per cent in- year.

FURTHER evidence that crease this week in industrial output, the third successive monthly rise. However, on a year-to-year basis, industry orders were down 3 per cent, which is a consequence of a slowing down of post-unification demand in the economy.

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Despite the slowdown in economic growth last year, unemployment in western Germany remained broadly stable. during December. The federal office for labour said yesterday that the seasonally adjusted jobless figure for last month was 1.67 million, compared with 1.68 million in Novemin November rose 2 per cent ber, and 1.72 million in Defrom October, while foreign cember 1990. In eastern Germany, unem-

ployment rose marginally in December, to 1.04 million, affecting 11.8 per cent of the workforce. However, a big increase is expected this month because of the phasing out of special short-time work regulations. The federal office for labour has estimated that unemployment this month could go up to 1.4 million. The jobless figures do not

include hidden unemployment. According to data released yesterday, more than two million east Germans took part in special schemes, de-Fears that Germany would signed to soften the transition to the free market economy. These include special job cregrammes, and also an early retirement scheme, which was taken up by 705,000 east Germans by the end of December, averaging 520,000 for the



Stable domestic demand: Jürgen Möllemann

## Clarke Foods to return with cash call

By PHILIP PANGALOS

SHARES in Clarke Foods will return from suspension today, when the ice cream producer unveils details of a rights issue to part-finance the purchase of Lyons Maid. The shares, which are quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, have been suspended at 54p since September. when the ice cream company became the second biggest

producer in Britain — after

Birds Eye Wall's - with the acquisition of Lyons Maid, from J Lyons & Company, Allied-Lyons's food division. Charke Foods is understood

to have paid about £12 million for Lyons Maid. Henry Clarke, the chairman, turned Yelverton Investments, the investment company quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, into Clarke Foods last February through the purchase of three ice cream plants from Hillsdown Hold-

ings. The enlarged ice cream group will have nearly 20 per cent of the market in the United Kingdom, with an annual turnover that is estimated to be "meaningfully increased" above the current £70 million.

Clarke Foods unveiled pretax profits of £1.13 million (£903,000) for the year to the end of October on a turnover of EI1.2 million.

There was an exceptional credit of £230,000. Earnings

per share rose to 6.2p (5.2p), with diluted earnings per share of 5.7p (4.7p). The company proposes an in-creased final dividend of 1.5p (1.25p), making an improved total of 2.25p (2p) for the

Mr Clarke said the company is currently carrying out a significant re-equipment programme, costing in excess of £10 million, in the West Midlands in order to update its existing facilities.

## **Freemans** to buy **Dutch business**

By GILLIAN BOWDSTCH

FREEMANS, the Sears home shopping business, is to acquire ter Meulen Post, the Dutch mail order group, for less than E5 million.

The deal is the latest in a series of European acquisitions and joint ventures by Sears and is its first mail order deal since it lost the bid battle for Grattan to Otto

Ter Meulen Post is the fourth largest mail order house in The Netherlands, with a turnover of £33 million and a 6 per cent share of the Dutch mail order market. Freemans is buying the

group on a discount to net assets. Ter Meulen's 700,000 customers are spread throughout The Netherlands and northern Belgium, and the products offered by the complement Freemans

There will be some integration of ter Meulen Post's business with Freemans, but product management, marketing, order taking and cus-tomer service will remain in The Netherlands. Ware-housing operations will be transferred to the UK.

The Dutch group has made losses in recent years, but Freemans expects it to break even in the current year, after a restructuring, and to con-tribute to profits in 1993.

Ter Meulen Post will be used as a base to develop Sears' mail order business in

Michael Pickard, Sears' chief executive, said he expected to double the Dutch business in the next two to three years.

The sophistication of Freemans' mail order systems is such that the group will deliver to Dutch homes from warehouses in Britain and still cut delivery time by two-thirds. The acquistion of ter Meu-

len Post should be completed within the next two months, and Sears is interested in acquiring more European mail order businesses. Sears shares rose 4p to 96p

### BUSINESS ROUND UP

### Swiss Bank acquires US futures house

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SWISS Bank Corporation is buying the O'Connor Partnerships, one of America's leading futures and options houses. The deal is the culmination of a joint venture between the two companies, established at the end of 1990 and trading in currency, interest rate and equity options.

The cost of the transaction has not been published, but Swiss Bank is thought to have paid a high price—O'Connor has taken a leading role in the development of America's futures and options markets since its formation in 1977. The firm specialises in appropriately trading and firm specialises in proprietary trading and complex arbitrage transactions. It has been hampered recently by a lack of financial resources, however, and SBC — one of the few triple-A credit rated banks in the world — will give it fine capital base to expand its operations. As part of the deal, SBC will ask the Federal Reserve Board for permission to

### Jones Stroud slips

JONES Stroud (Holdings), supplier to the textile and electrical industries, reports a fall in pre-tax profits from E2.7 million to £2.49 million in the six months to end-September despite an increase in turnover from E30.1 million to E31.9 million. Peter Jones, finance director, said there had been some improvement in recent months and profits for the full year were expected to exceed last year's. There was an interest debit of £104,000, against a credit of £52,000 last time. Earnings slip from 9.53p to 9.19p per share, but the interim dividend is maintained at 3p.

### Dewhurst lifts payout

DEWHURST, the electrical control equipment maker, is raising its final dividend to 1.2p (1.1p), making an improved total of 1.8p (1.7p) for the year, despite a 37 per cent decime in full-year profits. Pre-tax profits fell from £1.02 million to £642,810 in the year to end-September, on nurnover slightly down from £7.85 million to £7.81 million. Earnings slipped to 4.03p (5.99p) per share. Dewhurst said that profitability showed "substantial improvement in the second half in very difficult trading conditions". The company expects continued recovery in profitability. The shares firmed 1p to 47p.:

### **Druck advances 13%**

DRUCK Holdings, which makes electronic pressure measuring devices, has reported a 13 per cent advance in first-half pre-tax profits, which rose from £2.14 million to £2.41 million in the six months to end-September. Turnover grew 32 per cent to £13.5 million, boosted by a first time contribution from Maywood Instruments. John Salmon, chairman, said Druck had won a number of new orders. Earnings per share climb 13 per cent to 23.3p and the interim dividend is raised from 2.8p to 3.4p. The USMquoted shares jumped 38p to 788p.

### Merchant shares dive

SHARES in Merchant Retail Group, the discount supermarket and department store operator, lost a third of their value on a profit warning over "difficult trading through the Christmas period". Profits for the year to March 28 are now forecast at £1.7 million, compared with analysts previous expectations of about £3 million. The company said that although sales had generally been maintained over Christmas, net margins had come under pressure. The Normans discount food warehouses were particularly hard hit, the company said. The shares fell 10p to 21p.

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**Brent oil** 

slumps to

lowest in

11 months

THE price of oil continued to

fall sharply on world markets as Iraq continued talks with the United Nations, aimed at reaching an accord that would allow the resumption of Iraqi oil exports.
The benchmark February

Brent fell 24 cents to an 11month low of \$16.68 a barrel.

although support emerged in late trading in London, lifting

Energy analysis said the

recent collapse increased

pressure on the Organization

of Petroleum Exporting

Countries to reduce oil pro-

duction swiftly. Traders

believe prices could fall below

\$16 dollars as the peak winter

Talks between Iraqi offici-als and the United Nations

continue today in Vienna but are unlikely to produce agreement on the resumption of

One concession the fragi

delegation appears to have won is agreement in principle

that when exports do resume

they can flow through either the Turkish pipeline to the

Mediterranean export termi-

nal of Ceyhan or to Mina al-

Bakr in the northern Gulf.

The original UN resolution

had stipulated that the Turkish terminal could be the sole

production disruptions hit Britain's oil industry in 1991,

forcing the net cash flows of

some companies into the red

and hitting oil output, County NatWest WoodMac, the bro-

Capital spending rose to £5 billion in 1991 from £3 billion in 1990, with higher

development activity causing a 10 to 20 per cent rise in costs above projected levels due to tightness in the off-

United Kingdom oil pro-

shore service industries.

exit point for Iraqi oil. Capital cost over-runs and

quarter draws to a close.

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the price to \$16.85.

# Corporate sales in Europe outstrip US

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

EUROPE became the largest: hunting ground for international corporate buyers last year, as the world's larger companies jostled for position in the run-up to to the single market in 1992.

ecquires

According to figures pub-lished by KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the accounting and consultancy firm, the value of cross-border hrm, the value of cross-border sales of EC companies in 1991 was \$23.3 billion, com-pared with \$20.3 billion for North American companies. This is the first time that

### Brown & **Jackson** sales up

Brown & Jackson, the belea-guered retail group that owns Poundstretcher, reported sales in the last five weeks of 1991 of £38.2 million, up 11 per cent on the same period last year. Towards the end of 1991, Poundstretcher reduced stock to 13 per cent below both targeted stock levels and those existing at the

end of 1990. In December, the group, whose chairman, Bryan Dufty, resigned in October, failed to pay the six-roonthly dividend on its convertible prefer-

### Bemrose cuts

Bemrose, the printing company chaired by David Wigglesworth, the chairman of the economic situation committee of the CBI, is to shed 27 jobs with the closure of its loss-making cadit cand

### Torex's loss

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Torex Hire reported a pre-tax loss of £216,000 torofit £436,000) for the year to end-October and has halved its final dividend to 0.4p, making 0.4p (1.6p).

### Abbey jumps

Abbey, the Dublin house-builder, reported interim pretax profits up from Iz£67,000 to Ir£367,000 (£343,000). Once again, there is no interim dividend.

### Bid decision

Pittencrieff has conceded defeat in its £4 million hostile bid for AmBrit International to the rival £7. million offer from United Energy.

## Symonds rises

Symonds Engineering's in terim pre-tax profits rose from £82,794 to £123,523. The interim dividend is held at 0.3p. . '

### AWA expands

Arjo Wiggins Appleton is planning a \$170 million expansion at its pulp and paper mill in Wisconsin.

### No reference

Blockbuster Entertainment's acquisition of Cityvision will not be referred to the monop-

EC corporate sales have exceeded those in North America, In 1990, EC cross-border sales were \$41.9 billion, well below the North American total of \$54.8 billion.

As in 1990, Britain was by far the most popular European target for foreign acquirers, with 252 com-panies worth \$9.1 billion snapped up over the 12-month period.

However, even that figure was dwarfed by the \$18.7 billion worth of US com-panies sold to foreign companies during the year.

Overall, the numbers and value of cross-border deals last year was the lowest for at least four years, with the recession and the Gulf War being blamed for the slump. In value terms, the fall was 55 per cent to \$51.9 billion.

The peak year was 1989, when there were deals worth \$130.6 billion, a rise from the \$118.7 billion in 1988. Although directly comparable figures are not available for pre-1988, it is likely that 1987, another busy year for mergers and acquisitions, also exceeded the 1991

The larger end of the M&A spectrum was particularly hard hit in 1991, with only five cross-border deals worth more than \$1 billion completed, against 23 in 1990.

Richard Agutter, head of KPMG's international M&A network, said he did not expect a significant increase in activity in the current year.

The prediction will come as further bad news to the City's corporate finance communi-ty. Fees carned by London merchant banks, accountants and solicitors from bids fell from £180 million to £145 million has year. The peak year was 1989 when an esti-mated £800 million was eamed.

The largest cross-border deal in the world last year was the \$3:7 billion purchase of Executive Life, an American insurance company, by a consortium of European finan-cial institutions. The largest involving a British company was the acquisition of Ivory & Sime (Luxembourg) by Aberdeen Trust for \$1.1

Much of last year's takeover activity was concentrated in the last quarter of the year, when there were deals worth \$15.1 billion. The first quarter, which saw the outbreak of hostilites in the Gulf, was the quietest since 1987, with \$9.7 billion.

Mr Agutter said: The up-turn at the end of the year is welcome, but it is too small to be taken as an indicator that the cross-border M&A market is recovering."

British cross-border acquirers, the most active in the world three years ago accounting for 36 per cent of deals in 1988, reduced their level of activity even more sharply than the market as a whole.

The \$6.3 billion of deals by UK companies was only 12 per cent of the total. In 1990, UK companies spent \$20.6 billion on foreign firms, or 17.5 per cent of the total.



Safety in numbers: Roger Wiggs, flanked by guards of Securicor, which yesterday announced tests on a device to help stranded motorists

## Securicor lifts payout despite profits slide

SECURICOR Group, the security and parcels delivery business, is testing a device used to foil security van rob-beries for application in the private motor market, where it would locate motorists lost and in danger.

The group reported a slump in pre-tax profits from £51.9 million to £33.0 million in the year to end-September, while Security Services, the 51 per cent-owned subsid-

tion. Securicor is paying a 1.72p final dividend and Security Services 3.197p, making totals of 2.336p and 4.488p respectively, a 10 per cent rise over the previous year's payouts.

Securicor is carrying out mals of its Datatrak electronic tracing device for applica-tion in the private motor car market. The product has been available to the security van market for almost two

Datatrak can trace the get-

whereabouts of a stolen security van. Roger Wiggs, Securior's chief executive, estimated the device had saved at least £3 million by thwarting a number of at-tacks over the past year.

Market research suggests about a fifth of the 8 million AA and RAC members might be interested in the product at the estimated price of a few hundred pounds.

Mr Wiggs said: "It might be very useful for old, infirm or disabled people and single

country lane." The location of those people would be passed to the relevant motoring org-anisation. However, Securicor says it is early days for the extension of the device's marker. The Datatrak business is

years away from break even. The Securicor and Security Services figures were badly hit by the woes of the retail sector. The company also

still making a £4 million a year loss and is at least two

ers and relies heavily on shops for its cash-in-transit security operations. The parcels deliv-ery service was badly hit by

An upturn in the months since the financial year end, linked to the tendency for retailers to stock up for Christmas, was likely to fade in January and February, given the poor sales before the holiday period, said Mr

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## KLM offers to sacrifice name for BA merger

By Harvey Elliott AIR CORRESPONDENT

DUTCH airline leaders are prepared to give up the name KLM to achieve a merger or close cooperation with British Airways. Peter Bouw, KLM's chan

man, said in Detroit yesterday that he was prepared to surrender total independence to achieve the link. "Eventually, co-operation with British Airways may mean that the KLM name disappears," he said. Mr Bouw believes that a "common structure and identity" is inevitable. "A consequence of co-operation talks is that parts of your independence must be given up," he

Mr Bouw said that KLM and BA have found a solution to any problems that a tie posed to third-country landing rights, but did not specify details." The financial structure (of the planned deal) is exceptionally interesting. It contains many innovative ele-

ments," he said. British Airways has refused to be drawn on the talks with KLM, maintaining that to do so would run the risk of censure from the Stock Ex-

change. It is known, however, that senior officials within the airline do not believe that any deal is imminent and that a



Bouw: link inevitable price for such a link has still to be thrashed out and approved by both sides. They are convinced that

only when the single European market is fully in place and airlines are free to make alliances with each other within Europe will any merger become a reality. They believe this situation could be anywhere between three and seven years away.

The original idea was to link KLM, British Airways and the American carrier Northwest and to create giant hub airports in Amsterdam and Detroit from which, it was hoped, the airlines could at least battle on equal terms with American and United.

The talks are unlikely to be concluded until the regulatory climate becomes clearer

### Date set for ecu tender

By OUR ECONOMICS

THE government took its plans to develop the depth and liquidity of the London ecu market a step further with the announcement yesterday that the first tender of Treasury notes denominated in the basket currency will be held on January 21. Treasury able since autumn 1988. The Bank of England said

the first tender would be for a nominal Ecul billion (£719 million) of three-year notes to be sold on a bid-yield basis. Ecu notes will be sold at regular quarterly tenders, generally on the third Tuesday of the first month in the quarter. The second tender will be held on April 21. Amounts and maturities will be announced at leas four

days in advance.
Norman Lamont, Chancellor, unveiled his plans for the large ecu-note issues in the Mansion House speech on October 31. The issues are for reserves management purposes, but they will also enhance the City as a world financial centre. Tenders for the notes will be for a minimum Ecu500,000.

The notes will bear an annual coupon, which will be derived from the results of the tender and will be rounded to the nearest 4 per cent below the highest accepted yield. The Bank said 30 institu-

tions had undertaken to act as market makers.

## **Engineering chiefs** expect Tory defeat

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S engineering respondents thought that chiefs believe the Conservatives will lose the next election over their handling of the

Respondents to the quarterly trends survey in The Engineer magazine indicated by a margin of more than two-to-one their belief that the Conservatives would not win a further term.

Most of the 442 senior managers surveyed appeared disenchanted with the Tories, although, the magazine says, many are traditionally inclined to support the Conservarive party. One third of the

manufacturing would be better off with the Conservatives. However, a quarter

thought industry would do better under Labour. Fortytwo per cent offered no opinion on which party would benefit manufacturing the

Managers' doubts over the Conservatives' electoral prospects emerged against the background of a renewed slump in optimism over engineering companies' business prospects. Four months ago. managers signalled a recovery of confidence.

duction, including onshore output, fell to 1.84 million barrels per day from 1.88 million in 1990, County said in its January North Sea Supplement. Drilling activity fell off. with 173 exploration and

appraisal wells spudded. Twenty exploration wells were successful, yielding an estimated 430 million barrels of hydrocarbon liquids and

2,600 billion cu ft of gas discoveries. Overall, 18 per cent more oil and gas were consumed last year than were discovered. Shell Expro said produc-

tion at its United Kingdom North Sea North Cormorant pended since January 2 because of weather damage. had resumed overnight and will build to normal levels. Recent average output has totalled 80,000 bpd. Shell Expro is a 50-50 joint venture between the Royal Dutch Shell Group and Exxon Corp.



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## Salomon staff exit likely after bonus cuts

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SALOMON Brothers is bracing itself for a wave of resignations as many of its staff look for other jobs after suffering cuts in their annual bonuses.

The American securities firm is expecting a high turnover of staff as part of its reorganisation after the scandal of its illegal Treasury auction bids. The expected departures follow a shake-up that has left the firm's senior management almost unrecognisable from that in place . a year ago.

When Saiomon's top executive committee line up to have their picture taken for this year's annual report, only three of the nine faces will be the same as a year

Deryck Maughan, who was then the newcomer in the team, is now chief executive. Leo Higdon, the head of investment banking, is also still there, as is James Mas-



sey, the head of the firm's international operations. The latter includes Salomon's palatial offices above Victoria station in central

The other faces of a year ago left in rapid succession. John Gutfreund, the chairman, Thomas Strauss, the president, and John Meriwether, a vice chairman. departed when details of the



scandal first broke in August. Stanley Shopkorn, the head of equity trading and a legendary block trader, left in November after Mr Maughan decreed that the firm should abandon its block trading business and

forced him to sell two stakes at a substantial loss. Last month saw the resignation of Jay Higgins, once head of investment banking.



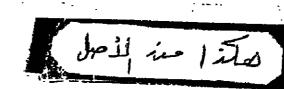
- First to go: (from left) John Gutfreund, Thomas Strauss, and John Meriwether after he was excluded from Mr Maughan's all-powerful executive committee. Throughout the firm, the

traditional hard-bitten Salomon manager is being replaced by a more cerebral type. Eric Rosenfeld, the new head of the US Treasury desk, was previously an assistant professor at Harvard Business School, while Martin Leibowitz, the head of

books on market theory. The shake-out is also likely to spread through the firm's management. Several of Salomon's executives were given clear hints to leave last month, when they received derisory bonuses. The firm's overall bonuses were cut by an average of 9 per cent, even though its profits and the return on eq-

uity increased, but many have suffered far worse. In 1990, Salomon paid 106 employees more than \$1 million each and Mr Maughan and Warren Buffett, the chairman, have made it clear that this is too much. The changes are beginning

to spread to the London dealing room. Last month saw the resignation of lan Hanham and Nicholas Bedford, the head of equity syndication and equity sales, and the creation of three new managing directors to fill their place. Other executives are known to be talking to headhunters.



### TEMPTS

## Securicor finds armoured cars safe no longer

CRIME may still pay, but it is paying less and less at Securicor Group and its 51 per cent-owned subsidiary. Security Services. Also not paying so well is its parcels business, always the first to suffer in an economic downturn, but at least the Cellnet mobile phone operation continues to rake in

Most of the horrors were out of the way at the half-way stage, and full-year profits down from £51.9 million to £33 million at Securicor came as little surfrom £36.1 million to £20.4

The 40 per cent Cellnet holding is so structured that attributable earnings are shared equally between the two. At Securicor, Cellnet chipped in £31.9 million, down from £38 million, but the damage had come in the first half with a bad debt figure of £7 million, and the second-half contribution rose 64 per cent to £19.8 million.

Cellnet still lags behind Vodafone by about 150,000 subscribers, but the heavy investment by BT, owner of the network that Cellnet uses, is done. The recession has pushed the full start-up of GSM, the replacement pan-Euro-pean system, to 1994, and Celinet's figures suggest development can be funded entirely out of cash flow

from the existing network. The security business was badly hit by the retail downturn, which prompted shops to halve cash collections to three times a weektions to three times a week. reducing pre-interest profits by £1.3 million to £7

Even worse was the par-cels side, down from £9.5 million to £2.4 million as a third of customers switched to barely profitable economy contracts. Securicor has one of the

few remaining dual share structures on the stock market and little intention of changing it. Helped by a 10 per cent dividend rise, the family-controlled ordinary shares rose 2p to 650p, the non-voting A shares 6p to 475p and Security Services 6p to 373p. Martin Mabbutt, at Nomu-ra, has a provisional £55 million profit pencilled in this year, which means the oters are still on a hefty 18 times this year's earn-ings, although they have drifted back since April Short-term progress looks unlikely until Cellnet offers further benefits.

### Treatt's prospects smelling sweeter

TREATT, the essential oils and aromatic chemicals group, is recovering from the 1990 profits setback, and the shares have again started to trot

The group shows pre-tax profits of £1.18 million for the year to end-September, compared with £1.03 million previously, and its loss-making Florida operation appears to be getting on top of its problems. A raised final dividend of

2.4p (2.25p), making 3.4p a share (3.25p), and belief that profits this year will reach the £1.5 million mark saw the tightly held shares I Ip higher at 96p yesterday. There is, however, some way to go before the 1989 market debut of 107p is revisited and the peak of 138p is challenged.

Oranges and lemons, and the other varieties of smells that assist the food and drink industries and the manufacture of detergents and cleaning materials, have a different mix in Treatt's turnover make-up. Orange products now ac-count for 19 per cent of

turnover, compared with 34 per cent two years ago. The greater emphasis on added value products in a year when turnover rose 2.6 per cent to El 1.25 million helped net profit mar-gins at the principal operating subsidiary improve from 10.5 per cent to 12.9 per cent, although the Florida factor kept group margins at 10.5 per cent.

Treatt is modestly geared. The company's year-end order book is said to be substantially up", but n figures, or percentages, are

This year's profits could reach £1.5 million, and at 96p, the shares trade on 9.4 times prospective earnings, backed by a 4.7 per cent yield. They should continue to ripen.

Philip Robinson looks at the driving force behind the toy chain

# Toys 'R' Us plays the game

tionised selling toys in America. He piled them high and sold them cheap from large sheds in huge shopping pre-cincts where costs were low and prices could be cut between 20 and 50 per cent

below high street rivals.
Toys 'R' Us, the retail chain de shed in Washington DC when Mr Lazarus was 25, is heading for record sales of \$6

billion a year.

This week, Mr Lazarus, a
Democrat, stood next to Republican President Bush when he opened the second Toys 'R' Us store in what America regards as the most difficult market in the world

Toys 'R' Us, helped by Mc-Donald's, the hamburger chain, has taken three years to break through the Japanese restrictive and protective policy that favours small reto that of Mr Lazarus, who created the world's largest retail toy chain with more than 600 stores.

Mr Bush, on a trade mission with 21 American corpo-

A generation has been sold the idea that Toys 'R' Us is the only toy shop

rate executives, wants to open up the Japanese market for more American goods. He was anxious to demonstrate American success in Japan and told a crowd of potential consumers outside the store in the suburbs of Osaka: "Toys 'R' Us has blazed a trail and now all kinds can come in, from toy stores to high-

In fact, Toys 'R' Us had not been trail-blazing. McDon-ald's, which owns 20 per cent of each of Toys' Japanese stores as it helped to find the sites, already has 860 outlets in Japan. Kentucky Fried Chicken, Coca-Cola and Tower Records are also doing brisk business in the country. Mr Bush, however, was badly in need of a fresh American trade victory. He was having limited success open-

ing up the Japanese car market to the three main, but ailing, American carmakers, and had more success lining up with the hot-selling Californian Power Wheels, a toy car that children can drive. Mr Bush told his audience

that his grandchildren regarded the Toys 'R' Us opening as the highlight of his Asian trip. Almost a genera-



only toy shop in town. The football-sized stores, packed floor to ceiling with an average 18,000 games, toys and clothes, change the eyes of small children into the size of saucers and reduce parents to wrecks at the checkout.

Mr Lazarus could not have picked a better decade for dozen dollar millionaires with

tion has grown up being sold expansion than the opulent a policy of profit-sharing

boom generation was buying bonuses. Mr Lazarus, now for its toddlers and teenagers. aged 68, took home \$156 During those ten years, and million during that decade. The current pay for the chair-man and chief executive is despite the 1987 crash, \$1,000 of Toys 'R' Us shares bought in 1980 would have just under \$6 million a year. been worth \$21,341 in 1990.

Analysts say the group will Along the way, the comhave to work harder to mainpany claims to have created a tain its growth record in the Nineties. It plans to add be-

tween 40 and 50 stores to its 497-store American chain and 40 to the 126 stores in other countries. Britain. where it has 28 stores claim-ing 15 per cent of the total retail market after six years, is its most important market after North America

Britain will have about six new stores this year, Japan five, and the total for Gernany will rise from 18 to 26. Michael Goldstein, vicechairman and finance director, said Europe and Japan are the growth areas this year. He said the group's secret of success lies in profit sharing with a workforce of 45,000

worldwide and keeping a

tight control on products. At home and in the office, the four-man executive board is linked to a computer that can apparently tell what are the best and worst selling items in any store round the world, at any time. Mr Goldstein was not, however, able to say how many toys the group had sold throughout

the world last year.

Toys 'R' Us, with 25 per cent of the American market, now has a significant influ-

The group's secret of success lies in profit sharing and product control

ence over which toys go on sale at all. Industry executives say Hasbro, (GI Joe, Transformers and Cabbage Patch Kids), Mantel (Barbie, Hot-wheels) and Fisher-Price, the big toymakers have frequent consultations with Toys 'R'

Us buyers.

Mr Lezarus had almost proved the toy retailing business is recession proof. In the eight-week Christmas selling ason to December 28, Toys "R" Us improved sales 16.4 per cent. At that time, annual sales were running almost 12 per cent higher, despite weaker performances in Britain and Canada.

The sales climb of Toys 'R' Us was unique among American retailers, with the excep-tion of The Gap, a specialist clothing group. Mr Lazarus's wife, Helen Singer Kaplan, a psychiatrist, describes her husband as a "retail junkie". His instincts, however, have not always proved infallible He failed to see the potential of the Cabbage Patch Kids, but executives, groomed for independent thought, bought them anyway.

His best sellers in America and abroad this year - Japanese-made video games.

## **Ex-chief** to head Pan Am disposal

FROM REUTER IN CHICAGO

A BANKRUPTCY court in New York named a former Pan Am executive to head the ran Am executive to need the airline's liquidation, in sharp contrast to events at the two other American airlines that went out of business in 1991.

Peter McHugh was formerly Pan Am's chief operatalong with Thomas Plaskett, the chairman, in September.

Mr McHugh said he expects the liquidation to take between six months and a year. Mr McHugh's official title is chief executive officer and responsible party for Pan Am Corp.

The appointment of a former manager contrasts with the naming of trustees by the courts in the liquidations of Eastern Airlines and Midway

In those cases, the management groups were replaced by an individual, who then brought in his own legal team and other support to sell off the pieces. In Eastern's case, many creditors were upset at the way the disposal left them little in return for their long association with the airline.

"I'm both surprised and pleased that they sought me out," Mr McHugh said. He added that 10 planes, 40 sircraft engines and spare parts were among the assets to go up for suction. Other items included flight simulators and computer software.

Pan Am shut down on December 4, after Delta Air Lines pulled out of a deal to

take an equity stake in a reorganised, slimmer airline.
Creditors of Pan Am are now suing Atlanta-based Delta over the aborted deal.
America's third-largest carrier did buy Pan Am's East Coast shuttle and its main European operations, includ-ing its Frankfurt hub. Mr McHugh called the

chain of events that led to Pan



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## Big securities houses sitting on 'large trading losses'

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no impact on the equity market, which was again racing away, bringing further mis-ery to a number of leading securities houses that started the year nursing extensive trading losses. The market's strength during the Christmas and new year period caught most market-makers

on the hop.

They had attempted to run level trading positions during the festive break. However, the market's rapid rise of more than 150 points on the back of Wall Street has meant that many of them are now scrambling to cover potentially disastrous short positions that could eventually result in losses running into many mil-

lions of pounds.

Attempts at hedging their losses in the futures market have met with only limited success. The strength of the March FT-SE 100 index series has also driven the cash market higher and compounded their short positions. There was talk in the Square Mile last night that even the big securities houses are now facing hefty trading losses.

Among the quoted securities houses, Smith New Court slipped 2p to 88p, while SG Warburg, which includes the Warburg Securities marketmaking arm, rose 12p to 532p. A firmer start to trading on Wall Street enabled the FT-SE 100 index to close just below its best for the day with a rise of 30.8 at 2,497.9. Turnover was a healthy 715 million shares, boosted by

two-way business, particular-ly among second-line shares. British Telecom's fully paid gained 1 2p at 330p and the partly paid 1 2p to 125 2p



with 25 million shares changing hands in both categories. Tesco fell 7p to 217p amid suggestions that UBS Phillips & Drew's new food retailing team was anxious to make an early impression and had already downgraded profits.

BP bounced back from this week's series of profit downgradings with a rise of 9p to 283p as some brokers took

and South West Water, down 6p at 319p. In comes Forte, 2p better at 231p, and Thorn EMI, 15p stronger at 763p. TSB Group firmed 1p to 117p, but Michael Lever, a banking analyst at Smith New Court, urged clients to sell during the next rise. TSB badly underperformed the market last year as the group

Rank Organisation, the leisure and motorway services group. rose 5p to 618p as BZW published a bullish review. The Rank share price underperformed the rest of the market during the second half of last year, but, BZW says, better times are on the way. BZW rates the shares as a strong buy.

the view that the selling had Guinness was again the

target of profit downgradings as Daiwa, the Japanese securities house, and BZW reduced their estimates. The shares finished 5p cheaper at 534p, but there were still buyers to be seen.

County NatWest Wood-Mac, the broker, announced changes to its list of top 30 buys. Out goes Commercial tackled a big rationalisation programme, weighed down by heavy provisions. The fullyear figures this month are expected to show pre-tax losses of £20 million, against a profit of £312 million. A new management has been installed at its Hill Samuel merchant banking arm, but it remains untested. Hill Samuel is also believed to have been hit by the recession.

The rest of the banking

port before the dividend season next month. There were

gains for Barchaya, 4p at 364p, Lloyds, 6p at 390p, National Westminster, 7p at 271p, Bank of Scotland, 2p to 113p and Royal Bank of Scotland, 2p to 161p Scotland, 2p to 161p.

British Airways rose 3p to 228p after claims in Amsterdam that any deal with KLM, the Dutch airline, would

quickly lead to a merger. British Acrospace contin-ued this week's advance, adding 12p to 323p. Kleinwort Benson, the broker, has just published a bullish note on the company, reiterating its buy recommendation on the

Smith & Nephew, the healthcare group, recovered from an early fall to finish 44p up at 1414p after a leaked press release claimed that it had settled a legal dispute in America at a lower cost than had been envisaged at first. Meanwhile, bid talk econtinues to circulate with the speculators looking for an offer from Eli Lilly of America for Smith & Nephew.

Pittenerieff, the Scottish oil group, rose 12p to 202p as it appeared to concede defeat in its E4 million battle for control of AmBrit, where it already owns a 30 per cent stake. AmBrit has now received a higher offer from United Energy, valuing the company at £7 million

**Automated Security (Hold**ings) enjoyed a new lease of life, climbing 9p to 127p. The group has been buying back some of its convertible capital bonds and it now looks as if the recent disposals by Gartmore have stopped.

MICHAEL CLARK

### **Producer** prices lift Dow

higher after a drop of 0.2 per cent in December's producer prices, a firmer bond market and a sharply higher dollar encouraged investors who continued to invest in equities amid lower American interest rates. The Dow Jones industrial average was 6.06 points up at 3,210 after reaching 3.212.

☐ Tokyo — Prices closed sharply higher in thin, volatile trading. The Nikkei index rose 398.64 points, or 1.75 per cent, to 23,113.64.

Index-linked buying and bargain-hunting after two days of heavy losses helped to buoy prices. However, fears of volability created by yester-day's monthly options expira-tions and continuing worries about the economy kept most investors on the sidelines. Turnover was about 170 million shares, compared with 193 million on Wednesday.

☐ Hong Kong — Shares closed marginally lower after trading in a tight range on lack of incentives. The Hang Seng index eased 3.13 points to finish at 4,334.54.

☐ Frankfurt — Sentiment took a turn for the better as the market responded to several developments with solid gains. The Dax ended 11.03 points higher at 1,589.76. ☐ Sydney — Newcomer West

Australian Newspapers was the only trading highlight as the market closed slightly lower in dull business. The all-ordinaries index closed 1.4 points lower at 1,662.0. ☐ Singapore — Prices closed

easier on light profit-taking in quiet trading. The Straits Times industrial index closed at 1,490.51, down 4.04 points from Wednesday's fin-ish. Reuter

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## Heavy breaths at Liffe

he merger of the London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe) and the London Traded Options Market (LTOM) may finally be sanctioned, possibly today. If so, it will start with a disappointing whimper rather than any great expectations. The big integrated securities houses, on which recovery and expansion of London options dealing depends, have declined to commit themselves to making markets in the full range of 67 options on individual shares in the merged exchange, despite hectic efforts over the past four weeks by Michael Jenkins, chief executive of Liffe, to drain up support. If the delayed merger does go ahead, as both Liffe and LTOM still expected last night, it will be thanks to two or three specialist. options houses backing the venture.

This is bad news. For better or worse, these financial derivatives play an increasingly important role in the investment strategies of financial institutions around the world. Lifte's early success has mirrored this. The market had another record year in 1991 but badly needs an invigorated options market to boost contracts on share indeces. This would help maintain London's prime position as a European centre for the fast-expanding but also fast-changing range of futures and options contracts. By the end of last year, Liffe was not far ahead of the Matif, its government-promoted French rival, in trading volume. The Matif has stolen a lead in the small but burgeoning ecu markets and Liffe's most active contract, in German government bonds, is under attack from German interests determined to repatriate the centre of trading to Frankfurt. The expanded Liffe badly needs to establish a commanding lead over any rival in equity-based contracts.

The sullen attitude of the London's big securities houses is not creditable to them or to the planning skills of Liffe and LTOM. It reflects the big firms desire to convert the options market to fully electronic screen trading, as already practised in Switzerland. This could protect their anonymity and therefore their ability to generate double profits from broking and market-making. The open outcry market, traditional both in Liffe and LTOM, may be better for customers but history looks to be on the side of screen-trading. The argument should have been settled long before this stage of the merger process, which has thrown up far more technical and basic difficulties than its sponsors seemed to

## **Creaking ERM**

T dionsyncracies in the European exchange rate mechanism, highlighted in this column yes-L terday, turned into potentially damaging absurdity when the dollar suddenly broke from its torpor in one of those thinly justified but exaggerated movements to characteristic of fereign exchange markets in the late Bighties. Having feared for the president one moment, dealers instantly actiainted what to most observers must have been a predictable outcome of his Tokyo talks. Back in Europe, the ERM system could not cope with such rapid movement. Most of the business was, as usual, in dollar/mark and dollar/sterling trades. The minor currencies were left out, making their quotations rapidly out of date. The effect on the nominal cross-rates that make up the ERM system sent the peseta and, en more, the Belgian franc, apparently raging ahead. Sterling briefly burst its band even though the crucial sterling/mark rate was little changed. Such obscure technicalities should not matter. In nervous markets they can damage the pound and with it the British economy.

# The soft option presents hard choices for London

Big Bang could be smothered in the row over soft commissions. costing London its leading financial role. says William Kay

pushed through in the Big Bang deregulation of 1986 could be undone as the result of a bitter row developing over an obscure area of stock market practice. The issue could even inflict lasting damage on London's standing as an interna-

tional financial centre.

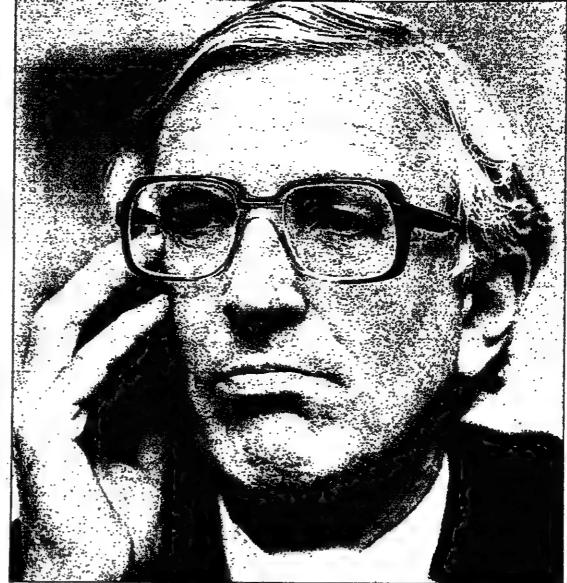
Last month, Sir David Walker, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board published Soft Commissions — Recent Developments, a modest consultative paper. Soft commissions refer to the practice whereby stockbroking firms provide research, screen information and other relevant services to institutional fund managers in return for a guaranteed flow of orders to deal in securities. As the broker puts no direct price on the ancillary services, payment for them is described as being in soft money.

This oblique way of doing business resulted from the removal of fixed rates of commission on the New York stock market in 1975. Commission rates were driven down to a level that related to brokers with the lowest costs. Once commission rates hit rock bottom, other brokers could compete only on service, just as airlines charge the same fares but try to provide better food and comfort. When minimum commissions were abolished in London 11 years

later, the same thing happened.
The SIB paper reported: "It appears that during the course of 1991. the market share of those integrated houses offering soft commission arrangements ... has markedly increased." It adds that the issue of soft commission had "elicited continuing debate". That is an understatement. Integrated houses are those, led by Warburg, which include broking and market-making. and therefore can use economies of scale and overheads to offer much better softing deals, as they arecalled, than a stand-alone broker.

Independent brokers, who prodded the SIB into publishing the latest paper, accuse some of the integrated houses of trying to drive them out of business by offering softing deals without charging adequate commission. The deals, they claim, are subsidised by excessive profits on market-making.

Warburg will not comment on such claims, though it makes little secret of its dislike of soft commissions. BZW has tried to avoid complaints by setting up Thamesway, a soft commission broking company, away from its market-making. However, the practice has been sanotioned by the SIB, largely on the grounds that it is impossible to stamp out. The integrated houses also feel under threat. Any more measures to control soft commis-



Softly-softly: David Walker's modest report notes that soft commissions have caused debate

sions could force them to choose between softing and their dual ca-pacity, which allows them to act as brokers and market-makers.

.The sheer ill feeling behind the softing row could result in the London Stock Exchange revoking the 1986 reforms, which allowed member firms to act both as brokers and market-makers. London might then suffer at the expense of rival stock markets in Europe, lose its lucrative trading in shares of international companies and its leading role as a financial centre.

At the core of the controversy is best execution, a cardinal principle of any self-respecting stock market. Brokers must obtain the best price for their client when executing a deal. This is defined as the price on the yellow strip on stock exchange trading screens, which shows the best buying and selling prices for a stock notified by market-makers.

The suspicion is that, when interated houses offer an institution a particularly attractive softing package, they are really doing so by keeping some of the price advantage they have obtained for the client. As the SIB put it: "We felt there had to be a point at which the amount of commission left after payment to third party service providers would not be sufficient to cover normal brokerage services of execution, clearing and sentement."
Nigel Johnson-Hill, of Hoenig & Co, an American-owned soft commission broker that offers clients

bought-in services, said: "The SIB is completely wet. All you've got to do is to match the strip to meet best execution, and everyone knows that half the business on the stock market is done inside the strip price." In other words, a broker can negotiate direct with market-makers a higher selling price or lower buying price than the best notified on the screen. Warburg stoutly denies that it does anything other than make best use of its economies of scale and internal efficiencies to obtain the best softing arrangements for its clients.

he Office of Fair Trading can undertake its own investigation if it is dissatisfied with the SIB's eventual solution. An OFT spokesman said: "We have no objection to soft commissions per se. Much depends on how the system operates. One possioffer better than the best on the yellow strip. But there may be no best solution."

Many fund managers are fed up

Interest in soft commission deals. because they obtain the free services while their clients often pay the commissions as well as any lost

benefit of dealing at the best price. Warren Coleman, compliance officer with Prolific Financial Management, said: "Best execution is not just the best price a broker can obtain. Continuity and dealing with people you have confidence in: these are all elements in softing." The independent houses, however, fear that, unless the SiB steps in, they are going to be mopped up by the big

Just before Christmas, Javelin Se-

curities, a soft-commission broker formed by a breakaway from Hoenig, sold itself to Samuel Montagu, part of Midland Bank. Clive Sinclair-Poulton, the senior partner, claimed that European Community capital adequacy requirements were a more decisive factor than the threat of losing business to integrated houses. However, he claimed that brokers in integrated houses were unfairly making up losses on softing through their own market-makers.

While such accusations persist, and neither side is willing to give way. Sir David will be pushed towith the controversy, but they are sometimes accused of conflict of hard question of soft commissions. wards drastic action to resolve the

## **AMB** fires big gun in battle with AGF

at the range of defence mechanisms that German companies have at their disposal to fend off hostile foreign predators. This week saw the launch of the bluntest of all weapons: management's right to disenfrenchise a shareholder by refusing to register the shares.

This happened to Assurances Générales de France (AGF), the state-owned French insurer, which this week built up a stake of just over 25 per cent in Aachener und Münchener Beteiligungs AG (AMB). Germany's second largest nsurance company after Allianz. However, AGF can only vote 9 per cent, and the management of AMB refuses to let it go higher, because AGF is considered hostile and does not fit into AMB's grand European strategy. This strategy involves a European insurance joint venture with Royal Insurance of Britain and Fondiaria of Italy, to exploit the European insurance market outside the three companies' home markets, in particular in the fast-growing eastern European market.

Plans are well advanced and an announcement is expected in two months. The only obstacle appears to be AGF, and there are fears in Germany that AGF could use a 25 per cent voting stake to block such a venture and pursue the east European expansion all by itself.

From AGFs point of view, this would make sense. Of the four, AGF has by far the largest non-domestic EC business. However, it is virtually unrepresented in the German market. Europe's largest, and with the approach of the single European market in insurance from 1993 onwards, AGF wants to remedy this.

he odds appear to be stacked against AGF. The management's right to refuse to register shares is enshrined in AMB's articles of association, and prima facie this is also in tune with German equity law. AGF could launch legal action, either by questioning the law or the way it has been applied, or it could persuade shareholders to change the articles of association. The first action could take years, the second would require a 75 per cent majority, which would be difficult to establish, particularly against the recommendation of management. AMB's seems determined not to allow AGF to obtain a 25 per cent Sperrminorität, which would give a veto on essential resolutions.

This all revives memories of the battle between the Pirelli and Continental tyre companies, which Pirelli lost because of a clause preventing a single shareholder's vote exceeding 5 per cent. Hostile bids stand little chance in Germany, and it would require EC legislation to solve the present impasse. The EC is preparing such legislation, but it is quesable whether this will result liberal regime. What is certain is that the case of AGF/AMB will not be the last example of German corporate stonewalling.

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zle over the latest twist in the Robert Maxwell saga, the late ning up costs of \$70,000 a month at its mooring in Palma. Six potential buyers have expressed an interest in the luxurious vessel, which has a \$25.5 million price tag. but none has taken the plunge as yet. Whoever does buy the vessel, which was formerly available for charter at \$30,000 a day, will inherit an annual maintenance bill of \$2 million, which includes mooring and maintenance costs of at least \$70,000 a month. "It costs that just sitting in harbour," says Nicholas Edmistori, managing director of Camper & Nicholsons, the yacht broker and charter specialist, who will reveal nothing about the interested suitors other than ruling out Chinese or Japanese buyers "for superstitious reasons". Edmiston, who lives in Monaco and enjoys shooting in Scotland — "I've done so much business that way" - is naturally keen to see Lady Ghislaine sold for a good price. His company charges 10 per cent commission on sales and is hence in line for \$2.5 million if it secures a buyer for the yacht. Edmiston, meanwhile, hints that Camper & Nicholson may seek a listing on the London stock market when the next upturn comes. The company is trying to sell yachts worth \$100 million — including the \$22.5 million Belle France and the \$30 million



"It's your 10 per cent dividend rise"

JUSTICE Edwin Torres, a New York State Supreme Court judge, noted for his terse comments when passing sentence, told a convicted corporate fraudster, this week: Your parole officer has not yet been born."

81 not out HIGH jinks and high spirits will be the order of the day at the Marine Club at Lloyd's today as Jimmy Herbert, the oldest active member of the London stock exchange, celebrates his 81st birthday. Herbert, who prides himself on being at his desk at Branstone & Gothard, the stockbroker, at 7.30 every morning, takes over the man-tle of oldest member from Marcus Colby, who, sadly, died last month at the age of 88. Herbert will join 28 friends and colleagues for the birthday lunch, which has been an annual fixture for years. Originally held at the Moorgate Wells Club, it for a brief spell before switching back across the river to its present site. Demi Mitas, a director of the Marine - one of the oldest luncheon clubs in the Square Mile, with entrances in both Leadenhall and Lime Street - and an old friend of Herbert's, will be serving a favourite City dish — steak, kidney and mushroom pudding.

STICKER seen on a car on the M4 motorway: "Help stamp out philatelists."

### In the stars

DO NOT sell your American dollars just yet. President Bush who, according to City wits was eating quall, should, despite his collapse, more than pull through. In their predictions for 1992, just published, two Los Angelesbased psychics claim that Bush will remain in office for some time to come. Judy Hevenly reckons that he will be re-elected in a landstide victory after introducing huge tax cuts that "will spur America's greatest economic boom ever. Florence Vaty is equally confident, except for one thing. She predicts that vice-president Dan Quayle will set fire to the White House after accidentally knocking over a candelabra. at a state function.

Revenge is sweet DENIS Healey, who suffered more than his fair share of maulings at the hands of the international financial community when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Seventies, has at last been given an opportunity to turn Stepharen - but buyers have moved to the Quintessence the tables - and he is seizing restaurant, at Hays Galleria, it with both hands. As one of

the guest speakers at a conference being hosted this month by Telerate, for international bankers and foreign exchange experts, to examine the challenges now facing the forex market, Healey is clearly going to be in no mood for diplomacy. As a taster, asked to give his thoughts about forex market-makers, he says: The markets are operated by

a mafia of gilded young lemmings who have square eyeballs because they never look at anything except a computer screen; they are interested only in numbers and they never relate the numbers they look at to the economic realities which lie buried at the bottom of this heap of numbers." Inflammatory stuff ...

### Russell's tune

AT A time when the recession in Birmingham and the West Midlands has caused accountancy firms in the area to cut back, one of their number, Neville Russell, is branching into the world of showbiz. The firm has launched an enter-NR Sound Management no surprises there - and has cut its first demo single on behalf of Lumen Christi, a local gospel group. The choice of medium may be a little curious considering that Tony Silvester, the head of the music division, was business manager in the early Eighties to Duran Duran - as "rockish" a group as one is likely to find. "We will be advising on design as well as general management," says Silvester, a former partner of Arthur Young, who joined Neville

Russell last August.

### Merits of final salary pensions

BUSINESS LETTERS

Prom Mr M. E. Gaisford Sir, Mr Brown's letter (Business section, January 8) on the merits of final salary pension schemes, requires some qualifications.

Firstly, companies do not establish such schemes out of charity, but for the sound business reason of attracting and keeping the right staff. The employer's contributions are effectively no more than delayed salary.

Secondly, they have a number of potentially serious disadvantages, the most signifi-cant being that a pension based on final salary may become almost worthless due to inflation, unless there are built-in safeguards. This has been an extremely serious problem for many pensioners of such schemes over the past 20 years; in the scheme of which I am a member, a pensioner who retired in 1970 on a pension of £100 per month has to date lost well over

£30.000 in today's money due to under-indexation ... and this is one of the better schemes! Even though the fund is well able to afford compensation for those very

company employees) have de-cided to use 93.5 per cent of the surplus for contribution holidays for the company and employees, plus enhanced benefits for current employ-ees. Any compensation for the poor old pensioners — the shortfall in whose pensions has contributed largely to the present surplus - has been Moreover, there are very

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serious abuses in the "manipulation" of the final salary figure, particularly for the most senior directors and employees to provide them with enhanced pensions out of all proportion to their contri-Provided that these, and

other, problems can be overcome, then I am essentially in agreement with Mr Brown. But until we have, the necessary safeguards, for which legislative action is urgently required, the pensioner is still very much at the mercy of his former employers. Yours faithfully,

M. E. GAISFORD, Amberley, Scothern Lane,

### Cannon fodder for the banks

From Mr C. Little Sir, Having recently closed a business down and agreed in January 1991 a schedule of monthly repayments of loan and overdraft based on my ability to pay, the new bank manager has now written stating the payments must be increased and the interest charge raised from 2 per cent

over base rate to 4 per cent over base rate. When protesting and asking why - "because the value

is now an unsecured loan". We agreed 3.5 per cent above base rate to be reviewed in

April 1992. Why do I feel, like many other business people who are paying off their debts on a regular basis, that we are being used as cannon fodder by the banks to prop up their profits because of their exposure to people like Maxwell. C. LITTLE.

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## UK 'is missing export chances'

BY JOHN SKRINE

BRITAIN is failing to exploit its potential as an exponer to the developing economies of Eastern Europe, according to the Eastern European Trade Council (EETC), a body funded by central govern-ment to promote trade between the UK and the countries of the former communist bloc. Yet smaller UK businesses can and do make money in these countries.

The UK lags behind the Italians, the French and, less surprisingly, the Germans in exporting to these countries. Germany's share of the East European market in 1990 was almost 30 per cent, the French had 5 per cent and the Italians 10 per cent against a British share of little over 4 per

Recent reports show an extremely positive attitude to the UK Jeremy Elgin, of the EETC, said: "There is a great feeling of warmth and friendship towards Britain. They want to do business with us."

Mr Elgin added that the opportunity to turn positive feelings into company profit are there. This applies particularly in Hungary, Poland and the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, he believes. However, he urges caution in dealing with the countries of the former USSR.

One way for smaller businesses to test the water is by going on a trade mission or taking a DTI subsidised stand at a trade fair. A number of local chambers of commerce are involved in this activity. Birmingham Chamber of Industry and Commerce hopes to organise government-sponsored trade fairs and exhibitions to Leipzig. Budapest, Poznań and Plovdiv. There is also the advantage of learning from other people in the

group.
Further information: DTI: 071-215 5000: East European Trade Council: 071-222 7622; Birmingham Chamber of Industry and Commerce 021-454 6171.

MR FRIDAY



"This year I'm going to be a bankrupt European!"

# Risk-takers reap rewards

BY SALLY WATTS

agement buyout last April, Sue Mulier and Sally Hickmott, both with a retail background, became owners of an old-established City business - just when the retail industry, which the business serves, was suffering the sharp effects of recession.

They also had to work "twice as hard" to combat the inevitable loss of customer confidence caused by receivership.
Siegel & Stockman, which

opened in Paris in 1867 and then in London in the Twenties, supplies the retail trade with papier mache display models. It has 14 employees, including craftworkers. Early this year the firm was forced into receivership when its parent company collapsed.

Sue, 41, who is managing director and the majority shareholder. said: "We had to recontact all our customers, but now they feel very confident about us. Some moved to cheaper firms, but returned to us because we are reliable, deliver on time and give good quality."
She and Sally, 38, the sales

director, have concentrated on extending their market and emphasising the display aspect of the business. During International Display Week next month they will launch a subsidiary enterprise, the London Display Company, to supply decorative props and artefacts such as statuettes, vases, figurines and prints of WG Grace that can

AFTER leading a successful man- be used to create lifestyle settings. These will be sold in packs, from £850 to £950, in four themes: the Edwardian Gentleman, English Farming, Victoriana and Hunting, Shooting and Fishing.

Sue believes Siegel & Stockman is the first in its field to become a "one-stop shop", selling artefacts as well as models and saving cus-tomers the time and trouble of tracking them down. Aware that display is their business. Sally and Sue have improved their premises, converting the former warehouse into a showroom.

The partners are fostering export potential. They have exhibit-ed in Japan, which Sally visited last summer, and will show their models there again in January as part of a British fashion trade event. They are starting to export to America and after two trips Sue made to Europe, they have signed up an agent in Germany, and developed contacts in other EC

Sue formerly held senior buying jobs with Marks and Spencer and Debenhams. Sally worked in merchandising at BhS.

Both remortgaged their homes to buy their company. Sally said: "The MBO was nerve-racking but also exciting: you have to take risks in business." Sue agrees: "You can't progress unless you take ev-ery opportunity. The buyout was not just a career move, it was a life move."



Life move: Safly Hickmott (left) and Sue Muller

VENTURECASH, established in 1985 as an annual competition to encourage youngsters to launch rural businesses, is taking late applications for its 1992 awards over the next few days (Derek Harris writes): A flurry of enqui-ries has led to an end-1991 deadline for applications being extended.

The National Farmers' Unions of England. Scotland and Wales, in consultation with the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, are behind Venturecash. It is sponsored with cash aid by National Westminster Bank

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# Why it pays to tread carefully

eter picked up the car from the company depot as usual and drove off for his first appointment. After 30 miles on the motorway. the nearside front tyre blew, forcing him to the side of the road. A quick check revealed the tyre was almost bald and, worse still, its offside partner was running flat and could not be driven on.

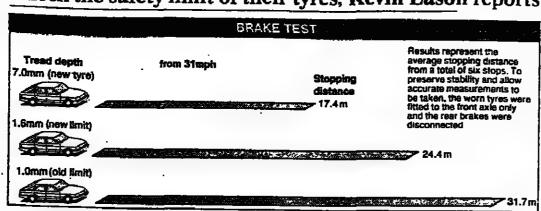
The AA was called but after the patrolman saw that the two rear tyres were also illegal, he refused to tow the car because it was unroadworthy. By this time, the police had arrived and there was no doubt in their minds that the car fell far short of the law.

Peter's real name has had to be withheld because he now faces criminal prosecution. The penalty is a maximum £1,000 fine per tyre and three points per offence added

Peter is like many drivers. The car has its regular service and weekend wax and shine. If the windscreen wipers go on the blink they are replaced. If a headlamp bulb blows, a new one is found. The tyres, however, get a cursory kick to check whether they are still

inflated. The time to replace a tyre surely is when it is worn out, according to many drivers.

A piece of rubber no bigger than a footprint is what holds your car The law has been tightened, but drivers are still failing to a 7mm tread depth, it puiled up from 31mph in 17.4 metres. With check the safety limit of their tyres, Kevin Eason reports



Can you stop in time? The chart shows the time it takes to halt with legal and illegal tyres

to the road. Just like shoe leather. when the tread wears away the chances of slipping and sliding increase. That is why the legislation changed on January 1 to require a minimum tread depth of 1.6mm across the central threequarters of the tyre and visible tread on the remainder.

The regulations result from a European Community directive and were not the idea of a British government strangely asleep on tyre law. While ministers constant-

ly talk about drinking and driving, speed and security, where are the big, expensive advertising campaigns on tyre safety?
The law has remained largely

unchanged for 23 years since Barbara Castle, the then Labour transport minister, caused panic among motorists by imposing the first tyre tread requirements.

Yet that footprint of rubber probably plays a bigger part in determining the safety of millions of road users than any other component in a car or motorcycle. SP Tyres, which markets the Dunlop brand, ran tests with Auto Express magazine to determine how safe cars are even at the legal limit of tread. The results were a sobering reminder of how much

drivers trust to luck. A Rover 200 was fitted with 175/65R14 Dunlop \$P9 radial tyres and subjected to hard braking and cornering under rigorous

When the car had new tyres with

tyres at the new legal minimum of 1.6mm, the car pulled up in 24.4 metres, showing a 29 per cent reduction in effectiveness. The old legal minimum of 1 mm showed a reduction of 45 per cent when the car halted over 31.7 metres, or

about four car lengths. A cornering test also showed convincingly that tyres with the legal minimum tread are about 24 per cent less effective than new ones. That means that even if a tyre is legal, the more worn it is the slimmer are the chances of avoiding an accident. The moral is to check regularly.

harles Hespin, the managing director of Motorway Tyres, said yesterday that most drivers turning up at his company's 180 depots were unaware of the new regulations and largely igno-

rant about the dangers.
"I know people will say I have a vested interest," he says, "but all the evidence shows clearly that tyres play a major part in road safety. Yet nobody seems particularly bothered about tyres.

"You would not kick the sump of your car to find out if there was oil in the engine, so why treat tyres in

### ROADWISE

### Driving up car prices

CAR makers are greeting the new year with a string of price increases. Many held off last year because of the recession and those that did raise list prices, still offered discounts of up to £2,000. This year Lada cars go up by an average 2.5 per cent, although the basic Riva 1500 model is still only £3,999. BMW is increasing prices by between 2.4 and 4.6 per cent. The German company says, how-ever, that there will be no change of price for some versions. Alfa Romeo prices, unchanged since March, go up by 1.9 per cent on average. The range starts with the Alfa 331E at £10,625, rising to the £27,980 for the Alfa 164 Cloverleaf.

### Rust-free Fiats?

FIAT is extending its six-year corrosion warranty to eight years. The new warranty applies to all cars sold from January 1 and will put pressure on other manufacturers to match Fiat's confidence. The Italian company, facing a challenge to its stranglehold on sales at home from imported models, is trying hard to win new customers in foreign markets. particularly Britain. Fiat has also introduced a new Panda model this week. The prices will be the same as for last year's cars. The four-model range is £4,689 to

### Cheaper Astras

VAUXHALL is introducing an Astra model that is priced £260 below the present LS version. That means that Vauxhall now has three base models - the Merit, the L, which has standard sunroof and cabin pollen filters, and the LS.

### Easy riders

SUZUKI is offering insurance to its own customers to combat the problem motorcyclists have in finding insurers. Several large companies now insure only thirdparty risk and are raising premiums substantially. Instead, Suzuki is offering premium dis-counts of £50 to riders of motorcycles of more than 125cc and 525 discounts to those with machines under 125cc.

### New topper time

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### Stocking filler

THE ultimate Christmas present a specially stretched Bentley worth £300,000 - has been delivered by Hooper, the London coachbuilder. Hooper cannot say for whom the gift was ordered, except that the wealthy overseas client specified polished stainless steel exterior trims, pure wool Wilton carpeting, refrigerator, television and video, compact disc player with remote control and vanity unit handcrafted in solid silver by Asprey, the royal jeweller. The Bentley was 25ft long and weighed two tonnes.

### Wheel power

EDINBURGH city council is encouraging its employees to use bicycles and is planning a central bicycle pool in an effort to reduce car pollution. Showers will be installed for freshening up after long trips. Council car loans will



be given only for cars with small engines and catalytic converters. Councillors decided to try the scheme after pollution from car exhausts had revived the city's old nickname of "Auld Reekie"

### Drive-in sale

MOTORISTS trying to sell their car in these tight times might want to try the "park and sell" method. Truckworld, a large park for lorry-drivers at West Thurrock, Essex, is being opened to owners who want to sell their cars. The event will be every Saturday, starting on January 18. Vendors will be charged a £20-a-day flat fee. Further information: Truckworld, 0708 860040.

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### Detroit on America's car slump

f the UK car business has caught a cold, then its American equivalent is in a critical condition and on a life support

President Bush's trade mission to Japan is the clearest indicator yet of the American car industry's problems. As the Detroit motor show opened this week, newspapers carried cartoons of Japanese aircraft bombing the United States with imported cars.

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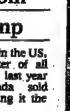
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Sales by General Motors in the US have fallen by 620,000, Ford sales by 460,000, and Chrysler by 550,000. As a result, GM is shedding 75,000 jobs and closing

20 factories. Meanwhile, Japanese vehicles.

either imported or built in the US, keep coming. A quarter of all vehicles sold in the US last year were Japanese. Honda sold 400.000 Accords, making it the country's bestselling car.

By contrast, Ford sold only 13,000 vehicles in Japan last year, and the rest of the world seems similarly uninterested in American vehicles. The manufacturers are therefore having to change their ideas, Europeanising their vehicles and searching for new export markets such as the UK.



Britain's first look at the newstyle American cars will come in the shape of the Ford Probe. The Probe is the first right-hand drive car to be built by Ford in the US



New-look Ford: the US-made Probe arrives in the UK next year to challenge Vauxhall's Calibra

since the early 1960s, and its smooth and discreet styling give more than a passing nod to European designs.
It arrives in the UK next year to

challenge Vauxhall's Calibra, which is priced from £17,000. The Probe will come in two-litre, four-cylinder form or as a 2.5-litre V6. Ford hopes to sell 20,000 of the 125mph V6 versions annually

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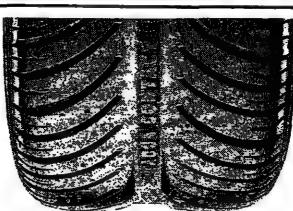
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Collision marks increase in America's Cup tension

# French pay for mistake

By BARRY PICKTHALL

THE America's Cup action is warming up. Six days before the defender trials start off San Diego, the challengers are sharpening their skills on

A collision on Wednesday between Iain Murray's Sydney challenger. Spirit of Australia, and the French backup boat. Ville de Paris, during an informal race has put both yachts out of action for at least two days.

Peter Gilmour, who was steering Spirit of Australia. said: "No one on board saw it coming. We were just round the leeward mark, when ail of a sudden we were rammed from behind." Gilmour, said of the collision, which damaged their yacht's stern, navigation equipment and running hackstay.

"This is definitely a setback," Gilmour said. "We are out of action until Sunday. We are a one-boat campaign. We arrived late. We need all

the practice we can get." Barbara Woolf, the French spokesperson, said: "We were

and suddenly stopped. We tried to avoid them, but the boats were tightly packed."

Marc Pajot's French team. whose yacht suffered only superficial damage in the collision, sportingly sent a delegation across to the Australian compound to apologise for the incident and pay for the damage. We realise they are a one-boat campaign. We thought it would be the proper gesture." Woolf

In Europe, the news that Russia's official Red Star challenge was expected to airfreight its yacht to San Diego yesterday brought a sigh of relief from the American race organisers.

The news came three days after the Yugoslav challenge finally folded its tent after failing to raise £1 million in Western sponsorship to pay for a rig, deck and equipment and the airfreight costs to transport its yacht to California.

Whether the Russian Red star boat will race is still in doubt, for Oleg Lariniov and money to equip their boat with mast and sails.

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There is also a question mark hanging over the Swedish challenge. Her mast manufacturer has refused to deliver the yacht's carbon rig from Los Angeles until out-standing debts have been paid. This follows similar arguments with the building team, designers and keel manufacturer which kept the yacht from being flown out to California until just before

"There is now only a 70 per cent chance of the Swedes completing their boat in time to beat the official measurement deadline," a race offi-

cial said yesterday.
The demise of the Yugoslav challenge and possible withdrawal of the Russian and Swedish Cup hopes will re-duce the challengers to seven - a far cry from the 23 groups that originally challenged San Diego yacht club to contest the Cup in 1987 before the disastrous court contest with New Zealand. A new format has been devised for this year's Solent

terest and competition among owners of family cruiser/racers.

New Olympic-style courses with both shoreside and committee boat starts have been introduced within the 11-race championship, sponsored by Whyte and Mackay, which is open now to both Channel handicap measured yachts and one designs. Among the one-designs, the Sigma 33 class has

included the championship in its race programme for the first time and entries are expected from other classes, including the Lightwave 395s. Dan Bradly, the secretary

of the championhip commit-tee, has confirmed that the new course format will ensure that racing is "both keenly competitive and interesting One long race in Poole Bay is included in the series. "We hope that this year will

see the number of championship entries double and that the series will provide both fun family racing and a high ievel of compention among the one-design racers.



### Damage limitation: Gilmour holds up a piece of

## Spirit of Chichester flounders in sea of trivia

ONE of the most emotive photographs of the past 30 years was of Francis Chichester rounding the Horn, with Gipsy Moth flying no more than a pocket handkerchief heads'l. Chichester, Alec Rose and Robin Knox-Johnston were the inspirational figures for British Oxygen's round-the-world BOC Challenge. It is an ironic twist that no British port should feature in this quadrennial

Today, BOC is expected to announce in New York that the start and finish of their single-handed event, which makes the most extreme mental and physical endur-ance demand of any sport upon man or woman - more so. I would suppose, even than Everest — is being switched for the fourth race, in 1994-5, from Newport Rhode Island to Charleston,

South Carolina, With the de-

parture of the America's Cup, this signals the demise of Newport as a leading yacht race haven; from what I hear, through no fault of its

Falmouth nearly made inclusion on the route as finishing port, but competitors informally voted to start and finish in the same place. It is, I feel, a slightly pathetic re-flection on British lack of initiative that no port other than Falmouth was able to offer BOC the degree of practical and emotional support that was needed to justify an

Eastern Atlantic port of call.
The spirit of Chichester,
never mind Nelson, seems to be sinking beneath Blind Date trivia. "This is more than just a boat race." Nigel Rowe, the chief executive of **BOC** Communications, said at this week's Boat Show release of details for the fourth race, in which safety stan- DAVID BILLIER

dards are being further improved. "What we need is social as well as technical support, an involvement of a city's community, recognising the economic importance. You do not have to know anything about sailing. This is not something that just needs an enthusiastic vacht club.

"As a British company, we would have liked to finish here. We don't want money so much as imagination and a broad attitude.

Charleston, which last autumn housed many of those attending the Ryder Cup at nearby Kiawah Island, is to build a special floating dock marina, and will provide all the requirements of accommodation, chandlery and cutprice haul-out facilities. Newport had staged the

start-finish of the first three races but suffered declining achting interest: Norfolk Virginia, and Jacksonville and Ford Lauderdale, in Florida, were all contenders.

"Falmouth made a fine

bid, and we want to find a way of bringing a major event there," Rowe added. in the event, the level of support in the United States. where BOC has massive in-

vestment, proved the superior attraction. The Student Ocean Challeage sponsored by the BOC group involves more than 20,000 schoolchildren in the United States, Canada, Australia, South Africa and Brazil, specifically at each port of

call encouraging studies in science, geography and the environment of the world's oceans, and in coastal protection. This is something Britain needs to promote as much as anyone.

If Britain lacks corporate orship package is a tough business," Bullimore said initiative domestically, indiyesterday. Three months be-fore the last BOC Challenge, viduals continue to show traditional enterprise. But Tony Bullimore, whose sucin 1990-1, Bullimore sufcessful establishment of an fered a serious car crash that international import-export forced him out of action for business has enabled him to six months. devote most of recent years

to becoming an experienced ocean racer, is busy search-

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Bullimore, winner of

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starting in September next year, with a British crew, fol-

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"Getting the right spons-

for the fifth race.

In 1989, he was yachtsman of the year in his multi-hulled Spirit of Apricot that could exceed 30 knots — "a bit terrifying at times", he sign by Barry Noble, Martin Smith and Adrian Thompson

The most historic event of the BOC series was the remarkable rescue on the third leg of the first race in the southern ocean, when Richard Broadhead, of Britain, turned back 1,000 miles against the wind to save the dismasted Jacques de Roux, who was mysteriously lost overboard during the second

There are few challenges left in life, but this race is certainly one of them.

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## Britain to rely on their tried and tested at Karachi

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

JON Potter, aged 28, who has made 103 appearances for Great Britain, is among several experienced players in the Great Britain squad of 16 announced yesterday for the Champions Trophy tourna-ment at Karachi from February 20 to 28.

In addition to Potter, nine other players. Rowlands. Lukes, Martin, Laslett, Garcia. Shaw. Robert Thompson, Clift and Williams, took part both in the Champions Trophy at Berlin last year and in the one at Melbourne the year before. The two youngest players in the squad are Davis and Nicklin

Chris Mayer, despite an impressive performance in the recent Los Reyes tournament in Barcelona, is among a list of nine reserves. So too are Jason Lee and Nick Thompson, who shone in the 3-0 win over Club de Campo on the final day.

Although they are not

Singh and Steve Taylor have been invited to join the training squad. Soma Singh went to Melbourne in 1990 but not to Berlin last year.

The squad will have a practice match tomorrow against East Grinstead to mark the opening of the club's artificial turf pitch.

For the first time since the inception of the Champions Trophy tournament in 1978. the participants have to pay their own expenses. The cost of sending 16 players and seven officials is probably backed by the Minet Insurance sponsorship budgets.

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### Hightown propose to remain in contention

BY ALIX RAMSAY

WITH two points separating the top four clubs in the Typhoo Women's National League and five games remaining, the championship race takes on a new urgency this weekend.

The big four play one anotheron Saturday and each team knows that a win is vital, to stay in contention. The champions, Slough, sitting in pole position on goal differ-ence, must play the fourth-placed Hightown, while Leicester take on the thirdplaced Ealing.

Hightown know their chances are likely to be sparse on Saturday. According to their captain, Linda Carr, they know what they are up against. "We will have to be disciplined, take our chances

and wait for the breaks," she

Leicester, who have been waiting in the wings every time the honours are handed out at the end of the season, feel they have their best chance of success this year. After a complete break from hockey over the holiday per-iod, their captain, Gill Brown, believes they are mentally refreshed.

"In the past we have always started slowly," she said. "This year we have started well and we know, if we play as well as we know we can, we

have a good chance." Ealing's cause has not been helped by long-term injuries to their captain, Sue Lawrie, and their international forward. Joan Lewis.

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# Young Pokey to follow up in style

WITH Young Pokey (2.40) and Prime Display (3.40) to rely upon at Ascot today. Oliver Sherwood and Jamie Osborne should enjoy two

If, following that ten-length victory at Kempton a fortnight ago, the pair were not already dreaming of winning the Arkle Challenge Trophy with Young Pokey at Cheltenham in March, they certainly will be if he manages to win the PML Lightning Novices Chase as impressively on the Berkshire track this after-

Last season Young Pokey earned a high mark over hurdles when beating Minorettes Girl at Punchestown, having already won at Newbury and Kempton.

In the circumstances, his initial defeat over fences by Shamana at Warwick, when starting at 3-1 on, was something of a shock. However,

MANDARIN

1.00 Primitive Singer.

1.35 Sirrah Jay.
2.10 Hawthorn Blaze.
2.40 Young Pokey.
3.10 Sword Beach.
3.40 Prime Display.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

(£3,555: 2m) (3 runners)

MICHAEL PHILLIPS with Shamana winning

again at Newbury in the meantime, things have begun to fall into place. I now expect Young Pokey to carry on the good work since he should be bursting with confidence following

that runaway Kempton win. In contrast, both Icarus and Deep Sensation may be a little unsure of themselves after unsettling experiences last time, the former being badly hampered and carried out at Newcastle while the latter was brought down three out at Kempton in the

race won by Poeric Gern. Star Season made a suc-cessful chasing debut at Newton Abbot on Boxing Day but Young Pokey was his superior over hurdles and I expect him.

THUNDERER

1.00 Primitive Singer.
1.35 Sirrah Jay.
2.16 One More Dream.
2.40 Star Season.
3.10 Tipping Tim.
3.40 Secret Four.

1.00 SILVER DOCTOR NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,165: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

FORM FOCUS

1.35 BUCKTAIL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE

BETTING: 11-10 Acre HW, 11-8 Signah Jay, 7-2 Torn Castion.

2.10 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

Inglied (2m, good) novice hundle.
FAIR CROSSING 15 2nd of 18 to Triple Winding in Townceter (2m, good to soft) covice hundle; previously 8 3nd of 13 to New York Painbook to Sendoven

☐ Red Rum, suffering from a blocked

MONTEBEL best Castigüero Si in 8-zener Haydock - far Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, soit) invice husdin. (2m 4f, good) novice husdie on penultimate start. AliGUST TWELFTH better of two efforts when 34 FRIMITIVE SINGER 1854 4th of 18 to Good Profile for grade i Fines Lunton Haydock (2m 100yd, good) novice husdie. CLETON HAMPDEN (2b worse off) 35 5th; good on the soit of 1 to Duberra in Newbury (2m 100yd, good) novice husdie. IVANCY talked off last of 9 to Japtin in Sendown (2m, good to ##) scales husdie.

PEATSWOOD best Abasioms Lady 11th in 10-run-

ACRE HRI. 101 2nd of 4 to My Young Man in TOM CAXTON (4th wome off) 141 4th. TOM CAX-Sendown (2h. good) hendlesp chase.

1 TON 251 3rd of 11 to 4-1-Henry in Liverpool (2m 6f, SIRRAH JAY) best Western Counties 101 in 9-nemer good to soft) hendlesp chase.

Newton Abbot (2m 6f, acti) hendlesp chase with 1 Selection: SRRAH JAY.

(Quelifier: 23,027: 2m) (B Lunners)

1. BOLL MEEVIL AS ID 51, (1 Extract) C. Sherwood 5-11-5. J. Caborne. 91

302 13-41 HARTHORN BLAZE 20 (D,0) (C Smith) D. Esworth 5-11-5. P. Hoding. 94

303 CLARRON JUNIOR (C Biol 16) Mrs F. Walveyn 5-11-0. B de Hasn. —

304 00-0 DOVERILL' 28 (R Townsend) R Townsend 5-11-0. Mr D Townsend —

305 05-522 FAIR CROSSING-22 (Mrs B Smith) C Brooks 6-11-0. P. Scodenore. 99

306 S250-3 FRENCH CHARMER 15 (H Pathern) J. Gillord 7:11-0. D Morphy 99

307 KILLARNEY MAN (A Wates) T Etherington 8-11-0. C Lievellyn —

308 2 ONE MORE DRIEAM 6 (BF) (M Jackson) 6 Selding 5-11-0. J. Front

TING: 8-4 Hawthorn Blaze, 7-2 Feir Criseing, 4-1 Boll Woods, 6-1 French Charmer, 8-1 One More Dream, Killerney Man, 14-1 Clairon Junier, 33-7 Doveldi. 1981: NO.CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

Sed of 18 to Melicom in Huntingdon (2m 4f, good to soft) novice hundle. ONE MORE DREAM 71 2nd of 22 to Zanymen in Sendown (2m, good) Metional Hunt Ret tace. Selection: FAIR CROSSING

☐ Adrian Maguire, who faces the

Jockey Club regarding the mix-up

BOLL WEEVE best Jefferby 21st in 17-runner (2m, good) novice hurdle with HAWTHORN BLAZE Lakester (2n, good) novice hurdle, HAWTHORN (5b worse of) 44 4h, FRIENCH CHARMER 1016

1901: THE A TRAIN 9-12-01 Lawrence (2-1) Mrs J Pitmen 3 ren

FORM FOCUS

By making virtually all the running to win over three miles at Kempton on Boxing Day, Prime Display showed that he possesses the ability. courage and stamina to win the Munns Electrical Handicap Hurdle with 11st 10lb, even though Martin Pipe's ranner Sweet Glow will obvi-

ously be a tough rival. .While Sherwood and Osborne will obviously be hoping to also land the EBF National Hunt Novices Hurdle Oualifier with their Leicester winner Boll Weevil. I prefer to take sides with Hawthorn Blaze who appears to be getting better with every race and who himself won comfortably at Lingfield last time.

One More Dream ran a most promising race when second to Zanyman in a Sandown bumper in Novem-

RICHARD EVANS

2.10 HAWTHORN

crack at hurdling and Hawthorn Blaze's experience

could well prove decisive. Last year's Grand National winner Seagram has his second race of the current term in the First National Handicap Chase but he may find



Nicholson: Wetherby raid led by Gambling Royal

FORM FOCUS

Long handicap: Steeple View 9-12, Tipping Tim 9-10, Denner Cavairy 9-9, Black Spur 7-12.

BETTING: 3-1 Tipping Tim, 4-1 Sword Beach, 9-2 Solidasarock, 6-1 Kildino, 8-1 Denners Cavairy, 10-1 Steeple View, 12-1 Seagram, Man O'Magic, 33-1 Black Spur.

1991: AROTIC CALL 8-11-10 J Oaborna (2-1) O Sterwood 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

SEAGRAM 24'41 8th of 9 to Ace Of Spies at Chel-tenham (3m 4f, good); earlier beet Garrison Savan-nah Si in Grand National at Liverpoof (4m 4f, good to soft) with SOLIDASAROCK putled up before 10 out. MAN O'MAGIC 18 lest of 3 to Chattern in Newbury (2m 2f 82yd, good) handlesp chase. Kil-Dilkto 20th and of 9 to Twin Dates in Haydock (3m, good) handlesp chase, SOLIDASAROCK (7f) 3rd of 9 to Cuddy Dale in Kempton (3m, good to firm) handlesp chase;

Long handlesp: Hurricene Hugo 9-12.
BETTING: 2-1 Sweet Glow, 7-2 Prime Display, 5-1 Secret Four, Tarkovsky, 8-1 Hurricene Hugo, 12-1 others.
1991: KING'S CURATE 7-11-9 Mr D Grey (8-1) 3 Mellor 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRIME DISPLAY best Pactokis 351 in 8-runner Kampton (\$m., good) handicap hurdle with BABR. balled off 9th; previously 254 2nd of 9 to Champagne Lad in Warwick (\$m. \$t., good) handicap hurdle.

SECRET FOUR II 3nd of 9 to the Demon Barber in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good). SWIET GLOW best Mr Goosip 2 in 7-runner Chaltenbarn (\$m., good) handicap hurdle with HOLT terreen in Kampton (\$m., good) handicap hurdle with HOLT distance (\$m., good) handicap hurdle with BABR.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

BETTING: 11-10 Sembling Royal, 3-1 Winkin Hill, 6-1 Plenty Crack, 7-1 Zeta's Lad, 10-1 in The Feshion, Bishopdale, 14-1 Mirage Day, 20-1 Lord Mustard.

1991: BOREEN OWEN 7-10-11 T Reed (2-1) J J C Neel 4 ran

Winners Runners Percent JOCKEYS

2.15 KESWICK HANDICAP CHASE (£3,054: 3m 100yd) (8 runners)

K Balley M Pipe D Elsworth R Lee P Akshurst O Sherwood

Long handigso: Lord Mustard 9-10.

2.40 PML LIGHTNING NOVICES CHASE

3.10 FIRST NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE

3.40 MUNINS ELECTRICAL HANDICAP HURDLE

(Grade II: £12,240: 2m) (5 runners)

Beach beyond him.

Barton Bank (1.45) and Gambling Royal (2.15), who will be journeying in the opp-

possesses the necessary stamidistance of the Whixley Nat-

Mirage Day, Plenty Crack

osite direction, can give David Nicholson and Richard Dunwoody a double at Wetherby. By winning so well in the

mud at Uttoxeter last time. Barton Bank showed that he na to cope with the longer ional Hunt Novices' Hurdle while the progressive Gambling Royal looks nap material to end Wrekin Hill's run in the Keswick Handicap

and Zeta's Lad are also capable of winning a race of this nature but I much prefer Gambling Royal who has gone from strength to strength since joining Nichol-son's stable.

## **Toby Tobias remains 12-1** after inconclusive trial

TOBY Tobias, runner-up to Nonon's Coin in the 1990 Cheitenham Gold Cup put up a satisfactory performance when winning the John Bull Chase at Wincanton yesterday after heavy rain had turned the going on the Somerset track from good to firm

to good to soft. However, as both the second and third, Ghofar and Cavvies Clown, were making comebacks after absences from the track it was an inconclusive trial of strength for the Gold Cup and Toby Tobias is still on offer at 12-1.

Plunge on The Illiad

A PLUNGE on The Illiad to repeat last year's victory in The Ladbroke yesterday coin-cided with a warning from connections of Balasani that the ante-post favourite may not be suited by the prevailing ground conditions (Michael

The Illiad landed a massive gamble in the race 12 months ago when trained by Andy Geraghty and was yesterday backed from 12-1 to 6-1 second favourite with Corals to do the same for Noel

the David Elsworth-trained pair, disputed the lead until Toby Tobias sent the brush flying when taking up the running and making a mistake at the third fence from

home. Standing a long way back at the final jump, the 3-1 on favourite met the fence perfectly and quickened away to

beat Ghofar by four lengths. "Mark said it was only a good schooling gallop early on and it didn't suit us at all." David Stair, Jenny Pitman's assistant trainer, said. "But

Furlong. While the sponsors were shortening Martin Pipe's Balasani half a point to 7-2, David Pipe, the trainer's father, said at Wincanton: "We're getting very worried about all this rain and the possibility of heavy going. We don't think he'll be able to quicken in it the same as he

did at Sandown."

Oneupmanship, Try A
Brandy and Soft Day were taken out of the race at yesterday's final declaration stage, leaving a field of 21.

when they moved up a gear Cavvies Clown and Gholar. turning into the straight,

things went much better." Last time out Toby Tobias had nearly had a shoe torn off at Kempton when finishing a disappointing fourth behind The Fellow in the King George VI Rank Chase. "Jenny was a bit worried when the Kempton form became devalued, so she's only been keeping him fresh." Stait added.

The plan is now to give Toby Tobias two more races before Cheltenham. But Mrs Pitman still has two other potential strings to her Gold Cup bow in last year's winner, Garrison Savannah, and Royal Athlete.

Of his duo, Elsworth was particularly pleased with Cavvies Clown, who was having his first race for 21 months and jumped quickly and neatly before tiring in the straight.

"He's always been a Gold Cup horse and that's the route we'll be trying to take again," the trainer said. Corals now bet: 7-4 Carvill's Hill, 6-1 The Fellow, 10-1 Blazing Walker, 12-1 Toby Tobias. Cavvies Clown is 40-1 with Hills.

### SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN

12.25 African Chimes. 12.55 Hand Painted. 1.25 Runnel. 1.55 Alarkoy. 2.25 Bold Habit. 2.55 State Governor. 3.25 Buddy.

THUNDERER 12.25 Eurobiake. 12.55 Obeliski. 1.25 Quiet Miss. 1.55 Qualitair Flyer. 2.25 Bold Habit. 2.55 East Barns. 3.25 Sure To Win.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.25 LEICESTERSHIRE CLAIMING

STAKES (Div I: £2,265: 71) (14 runners)

1 121- AFRICAN CHIMES 27 (CD.F) W O'Gorman 5-9-0 Emma O'Gorman (5) 6 2 15-2 EUROBLAKE 9 (CD.BF.F) T Barron 5-8-11

7-4 African Chimes, 3-1 Euroblake, 4-1 Inseyab, 5-1 Welley Lad, 5-1 King Fardinand, 10-1 Count Me Out, 12-1 others.

12.55 EAST MIDLANDS HANDICAP

Sains Bronson 3
13 20-3 ENFANT DU PARADIS 4J (G) P Evens 4-10-0
W McLaughlin (5) 12 11-4 Chronological, 7-2 Mr Wishing Well, 9-2 Oberliel, 6-1 Paradis, 10-1 Kovalevskis, 12-1 others

1.25 YORKSHIRE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,245; 1m) (6)

10-11 Quel Mess. 3-1 Runnel, 6-1 Mr Snuggs, 6-1 Silver Samurai, 10-1 So Great, 12-1 Medibourne **COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TRAINERS: T Barron, 44 winners from 161 runners, 27.3%, J Pearcs, 7 from 29, 24, 1%; W O'Gorman, 21 from 99, 23.1%; J Berry, 17 from 92, 18.5%, M Bell, 6 from 36, 16.7%; W Haigh, 5 from 34, 14.7% JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 47 warvers from 154 rides, 30.5%; Emma O'Gorman, 17 from 94, 18.1%, J. Farming, 13 from 110, 17.8%; S.D. Wallams, 4 from 36, 11.1%, G. Husband, 5 from 47, 10.6% (Only quelifiers) 1.55 DERBYSHIRE HANDICAP

(£2,304: 1m 4f) (9) 

2-1 in Truth, 3-1 Qualiter Fiver 4-1 Swagman, 6-1 Messesippi Beat, 8-1 Alle-Roy 10-1 Polyptate, 12-1 others

2.25 LEICESTERSHIRE CLAIMING

STAKES (Div II: £2,265: 71) (13) TAKES (Div II; \$2,200, 11,7,10, 1 032- BOLD HABIT 43 (D.F.G) W Petros 7.9-5 G Husband (5) 3

2 040- LUZUM 230 (B.D.F.S) J Glover 5-8-11 D Williams (7) 2 3 60// SHABANAZ 933 (D.G) T Caldwell 7-8-11 S Davies (7) 11 4 002- TUDORGATEWAY 13 (V.F) M Torophus 4-8-11 6 002- PESIDANAMICH 24 (B.CD.S) T Serron 4-8-9 4-8-9 Greeves 12

6 300- COURTING NEWMARKET 66J Mrs A kinght 4-8-8
D Biggs (3) 10 7 85- ORPEN 13 (B) W O'Gorman 4-8-8 Emma O'Gorman (5) 7 8 00/0/ STONE FLAKE 45J (G) P Hobbs 8-8-7... J Williams 4 9 050- COSSACK NOR 37 M Naughton 4-8-3 Jaki Houston 13

2.55 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HANDICAP (£2,324: 1m) (16)

2.02-7: 111) (10) 1 90/0- POLYROLL 43 (0.8) M Channon 6-9-10 .... J Quinn 3 2 90-1 DOULAR'S IMAGE 9 (8.01) J Glover 5-9-10 (7 or ) S D Williams (7) 6 3 90-0 BALAAT 7 (F) M Chapman 4-9-8. Mick Denaro (7) 15 4 351- GOLDEN CHIP 29 (CD,G) A Stringer 4-9-7

5 400- PREDICTABLE 57 (CD.G) Mrs. A Knight 6-9-7 5 24-9 ORBA GOLD & (C) R Manning 48-5 ... A Bates (7) 9 7 03-4 MAC'S PRINCESS 9 W O'Gorman 49-4 7 03-4 MAC'S PRINCESS 9 W O'Gorman 49-4 Emans O'Gorman (5) 16 8 04-2 STATE GOVERNOR 9 (CD) D Chapman 49-4

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15 05-0 EAST BARNS 7 (B.D.F) T Berron 4-7-9 J Fanning (S) 1
16 050- MODEL NURSE 245 (CD) Mm A Kinght 5-7-7
D Harrison (7) 14

3.25 LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £2,186: 7f) (10)

8 00-1 BUDDY 7 (C.G) M Bet 8-9 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ R Cochrane 1
9 005- PROFIT STREAM 29 M W Esserby B 7 L Charnock 2
10 00-0 KALAR 7 D Chapman 7-11 \_\_\_\_\_ B Wood 5
5-2 Buddy, 7-2 Sure To Win, 4-1 kningliste, 6-1 Palscegate King, B-1 Calino, 10-1 Granite Boy, 12-1 others

1.00 (2m hdie) 1, Marthya (S Hodgson, 15-2); 2, Hostess Quickly (9-4); 3, Baladiya (13-8 fav), 5 ran, 7, 6, G Belding, Tote: C13 00, 55.10, 52.30 DF: 528-80, CSF, 523-28.

1.30 (2m 4f hole) 1, Jan-Re (A Magure, 3-1); 2, Capital Punishment (6-4 fav), 3, Tutoli (14-1), 5 ran. 3½1, 25i F Murphy, Tote: 52-90; 52-00, 51 40, DF: 55-80, CSF:

27-47.
2.00 (2m hdke) 1, Hold Court (A Maguire, 94 fav), 2, J Brand (5-2); 3, Shelly's Folly (5-1), 10 ran 51, nk. N Callaghan Tote: 25 60; 21:70, 24-60, 21:10 DF: 223.70.
CSF: 29-54 No bud.
2.30 (2m hdke) 1, Jumby Bay (A Maguire, 5-2); 2, Sing The Buses (5-2); 3, Shades Of Peace (4-5 fav), 3 ran 2/31, 31 Mohaston, Tote: 22.80, DF £1.70 CSF: 27.33

£7.33 3.00 (2m 4f hole) 1, Marlin Dancer (Dale McKetwn, 4-8 fav); 2, Frosty Reception (6-1), 3, Andreiot (9-2), 6 man 3 vs., 8t. Mas B Sanders. Tote £1.70; £1 10, £2.10. DF. £2.70. CSF: £4.57.

12.70 CSF: 24.57.
3.30 (1m 5f fat) 1. Saskia's Hero (8 Delton, 9-4); 2. Semende Princess (8-1). 3. Aspirant (Evers tay). 8 ran. 15, 10. J. Soltomey Tole 2.90, £1.10, £3.30. £1.20 DF: £6.40 CSF. £19.21

☐ Kevin Doolan was banned for two days (January 18-19)

for misuse of the whip on

Landski at Edinburgh.

Placepot: £73.60.

### RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS Edinburgh Lingfield Park

Going: good to soft 12.40 (2m hole) 1, Dizzy (8 Sterey, 6-1), 2, Key Dear (25-1), 3, Shaffic (13-2), Lodestar 5-4 lav 10 ran 10l, 2½1 P Monlesth, Tote 17 10, £1.10, £7.10, £1.30 DF £51 50 CSF £117 08

1.10 (3m ch) 1, Wessex (G McCourt, 4-6 fav), 2, Rancion Warnor (14-1), 3, Jelblend (40-1), 8 ran. 15l, 2½l N Tirkler. Tote £1 90. £1 10. £1 10, £7-50. DF £8.80 CSF £9.38

CSF 25:36 1.46 (2m hote) 1, Strong Views (C Grant, 3-1); 2, Stylish Gent (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Old Mortelity (16-1) 9-4 jt-fav Hidden Quiver 7 ran, 7, 54 W A Stephenson, Tole 23:00, 22:10, £1:10 DF £4:60 CSF; £9:03

22.5 21.4 19.1 17.0 12.5

Wincanton Going: good to soft

Going: good to soft 12.50 (2m hde) 1, SOCIETY GUEST (D Fortt, 7-1), 2, Carbonate (J Neaves, 16-1); 3, Primatice (B Ctifford, 3-1 lav), ALSO RAN 4 Yozzer Hughes (5th), 5 By Far (6th), 10 Record Fright, Galagames, Wick Pound (4th), 16 Gante's Gold, 18 Recidiust, 25 Pabrey, 50 Royal Shephard, Just A Memory 13 ran NR: Home County, Hd. 4, 10t, 51, 4t, A Turnell at East Hendred, Tote: E8 70, £3 10, £5 30, £1 80, DF: 55 70 CSF C104 38 Treast: £374.59, 120 CF E8 71, E 1.20 (3m it ch) 1. FENCE JUDGE (C Lieweilyn, 10-1), 2. Cardinal Raiph (D Murphy, 20-1); 3. Fif For Filing (P Holley, 8.1) ALSO RAN, 7-4 tay Fifth Amendment (ur), 4 Duke's Whistile (pu), 5 Farmkee Boy (5th), 10 Pranne Storm (pu), 16 Rare Bid (4th) 8 ran. 28, 11, 20, 251 T Forester at Letcombe Beasent Tote: £10.70; £2 60, £320, £1 90, DF: £157 00, CSF: £193.47. Theast: £1,498.48

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1.50 (2m 6t note) 1, JADIDN (8 Cairtord, 10-1); 2, Greytrians Boobby (M A Fitzgerald, 8-1), 3, Volpedo (R Supple, 50-1). ALSO RAN 74 law Ticonderoga, 9-2 Uprham View (5th), 12 Roscoe Bass, 16 Censbridge Ousen (4th), Another Canlord, Tearful Prince (6th), Grey Gypsy, 20 Ch So Bold, Anamasi (pu), 25 Chesing Gold (pu), 50 Bold imp, Candy Lake, Golden Sonata (pu), Northern Heather (pu), Giston Lass (pu), 18 min. 3h1, 3k1, 10, 15, nk, Miss J Thome at Sindgwater, Tote: £9.50; £2.50, £3.00.

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2.20 (2m 5f ch) 1, TOBY TOBLAS (M 2740, DF £42.00, CSF £83.41.
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# **England players** announce new retirement plans

THE extent of the rebuilding process that will face the Engand international team at the end of this season worsened yesterday when two more players revealed that they are almost certain to

Simon Halliday and John Webb admitted their interna-tional careers will probably finish when the five nations' championship is over in

Their decisions mean England may lose seven of the team that has been chosen to open the championship against Scotland in Edinburgh on Saturday week when the season ends.

Players like Wade Dooley. Peter Winterbottom, Micky Skinner and Rory Underwood have already indicated that they see their involvement in international rugby

as terminating at the end of

ward, who will be 36 in April. has yet to decide definitely but said: "I suppose, at my age, people tend to start making these decisions for you. I will carry on only if I am playing well enough, enjoying it and am still wanted. But it's obvi-

ous I won't go on for ever." Halliday and Webb now ment is likely to be their last. Webb said yesterday: "There is a stronger chance of my

stopping than carrying on.
"I will make a definite decision at the end of the season but it is becoming increasingly difficult to fit in all my commitments with work, my family and rugby. If I stop playing international rugby. I will retire altogether because the commitments at clubs

**London Irish displays** dismay over release

LONDON Irish yesterday greeted its failure to win the release of the club's five internationals from a national squad training weekend with a reaction that suggested a plintering of relations with the IRFU (Peter Bills writes).

The chief executive, Kieran McCarthy, said the exiles felt upset that so little consideration had been shown to a club contributing almost a third of the Irish international team facing Wales on Sat-

"We were told there was no point in going to Dublin to

THESE are early days to start bickering with the

Welsh selectors who are, after

all, only settling into their

task. In any case, for every

suggestion there is for any

one position these days there

will be a chorus of half a

dozen to oppose it. And even

among them there will be

further falling out and disagreement. Every name

However, the principle of

selecting players out of their

customary club positions

presents a problem, or could

do. It is a habit found accept-

able and practised more in

this country or France, than

elsewhere. Admittedly,

Campese has played recently

at full back as well as wing for

Australia. Terry Wright has

also played in these positions

for New Zealand and Auck-

players to play against Ire-land in positions they do not

normally occupy for their clubs. Gareth Llewellyn will

jump in the front of the

lineout as opposed to the mid-

dle where he usually operates

for Neath, Mike Hall al-

though he has already played for Wales and the Lions on

both right and left wings.

plays his weekly rugby at

Wales have chosen three

spawns a few more.

plead our case," McCarthy said. "There is an element of short-sightedness over this in the eyes of the Irish rugby union. They never bothered to consider our predicament and we feel peeved they didn't even consult us. We are a very important part of Irish rugby,

The exiles fear their weakened team will lose a crucial Courage League first division match against Rugby on Saturday, believing the outcome of this match could influence decisively their first division fate this season."

Welsh selectors walk

on shifting ground

these days are becoming

The last month has been really hectic. Now there is a strong possibility I shall be leaving the south-west area for my work."

Halliday, the Harlequin centre, says he, too, sees his present involvement as probably his last. "I would have thought it almost certain I will call it a day after this season." he said.

"It's highly unlikely I will continue and, frankly, it's difficult to see how people of my vintage will start the season next year when, hopefully, many potential candidates will have emerged from the England B tour of New Zea-land. If those candidates have not emerged, then I fear for England next year."

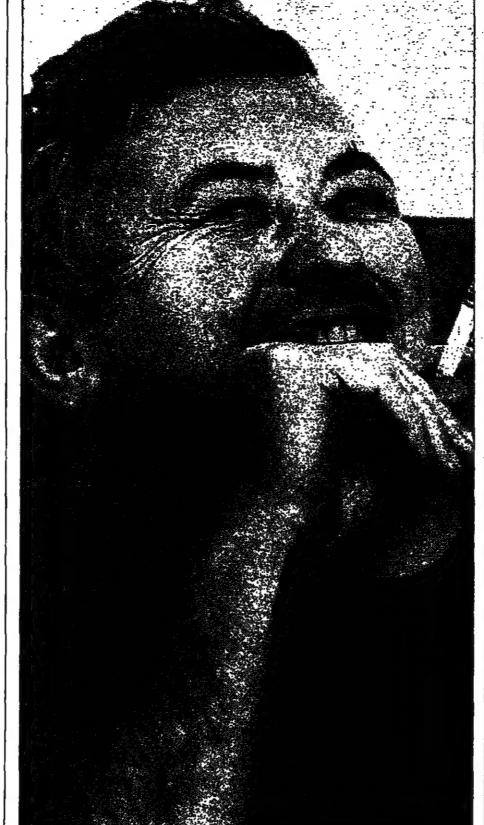
Halliday, a stockbroker in the City, said that the demands of time and pressure from rugby are no longer a joke. "When you lose so much on all sides, you cannot go on

"We have our bonus re-views coming up and I will undoubtedly be affected by the fact that I was away for so long. I'm losing so much just

to keep playing rugby."

The departure of so large a proportion of the England team will inevitably require a widespread restructuring process. The England manmade replacements for the testing world of international rugby will be found from the ranks of their B team in New Zealand this summer.

Halliday added: "New Zealand is the ideal proving



## Laughton's patience brings life to Leeds

minded approach of Laugh

has revitalised a club now

confident of winning their

first leading honour in eight

years against Widnes, his former club, in the Regal

Trophy final at Wigan

Laughton, a cigarette al-

most constantly at his lips,

drew deeply on another as he told how his latest sign-ing — Craig Innes, the All Black — will be carefully

nurtured before being intro-

duced into a side unbeaten

since October and nudging

Wigan at the top of the

league.
John Gallagher, Innes's former New Zealand ragby union colleague, who is now

residing in the reserves, is a

tomorrow.

SUCCESS in rugby league can be bought, with vision, sense and nerve. Yet when Leeds spun the roulette wheel in a frenzy of expectation, a four-year outlay of £3 million netted a solitary success in the Yorkshire

Cup.
With more modest means, the return of Doug Laughton at Widnes - in the same period up to last season - was two league championships, three pre-mierships, a World Cup Challenge trophy and a Lan-cashire Cup title.

Make him an investment analyst and, pound to a penny, your share dividends will soar some day. Not one for instant fixes — "it takes sheer bloody hard graft" — Laughton, aged 46, is still amazed at the transformation at Headingley since he arrived from Widnes last

May. He has continued to brandish the club cheque book but his signings have been discerning. "I used to sell central heating," he said.

ness brain, except you're victim partly of Leeds's prebuying."
Ellery Hanley was an invious misplaced faith in instant, star player spired capture while Bobby solutions.

Goulding another buy from Wigan, has formed an in-"I'm not giving up on the lad," Laughton said. "He's a stinctive pairing at half back with Garry Schofield. lot to offer and is working hard. But I don't believe in The more studied, singlethe sink-or-swim idea. And I still don't know who precise ton has supplemented Leeds's traditional flair with a formidable resilience and ly at the club signed him in the first place."

Laughton is reticent about whether he would have bought Gallagher. Given his outstanding record on rugby union acquisi-tions, the swoop for lanes is seen as one of his shrewdest moves after bringing Mar-tin Offiah, Jonathan Davies and Alan Tait into league at

With the city's football team also pressing for hon-ours after a fallow spell, Laughton is anxious to diflaughton is annous to dif-fuse runaway anticipation in Leeds. Patience, disci-pline and gamble only with a winning hand is his way. "If Leeds are winning, so is the game," he said. "I don't think I'll fail. If I do, it'll be my fault."

my fault."

## Edmond undone by bad luck in President's Putter

FIONA Edmond was beaten. unluckily, in the first round of the President's Putter at Rye yesterday. She was, indeed, doubly unlucky, since a scratching had transferred her, to her dismay, not from the first round to the second but alongside Chris Dale, the present Cambridge captain. in the last match of the first

ANOREW VARLEY

Edmond, the only woman ever to have played in the University Match and so qualify for the Putter, was unfortunate not at least to take the match to extra holes. Two down with four to play, she won the sixth (her 15th) with a fine four, putted up dead to halve the seventh, and was then cruelly denied the

"The eighth was crucial." Dale said afterwards. "I was from all of 30 feet for a half after she had played a model four." It had seemed like a hole won to Dale and he walked on to the ninth tee so high that he drove off out of turn. Edmond allowed the tee shot to stand and could not herself quite pick up the birdie she needed to keep the match alive. She played the outward nine, her second

It was a match that Dale was glad to see in the record books. "She's a draw no one wants." he said. "She's such a game makes her a tough opponent, even off the men's tee." Dale went through to the third round in the afternoon with a 4 and 3 victory over Peter Weller.

David Meacher, now generally regarded as the favourite, had an easy passage into the third round against a stricken opponent, Paul Stobart, of Oxford, Stobart struggled as far as the ninth on the Jubilee course before deciding that the bruised thumb on his right hand was too heavy a burden.

It was, sadly, Stobart's first enter, 12 years after winning his blue. Until now, the lure of January in his parents' home at Harare or Cape Town has been irresistible.

Donald Steel, winner of the Putter three times before, claimed a little niche in the meticulously maintained history of the tournament with his hole in one with a five-iron at the 13th (154 yards) on the Jubilee course. There had been only four previous holes in one, the last by Steel at the seventh hole of the Old course

J G Cruickstersk (St John's, C) bt S R Ashworth (Hariford, O), 3 and \$\frac{1}{2}\$ J R Senders (Bresences, O) bt J C Leigh (Clare, C), 3 and \$\frac{1}{2}\$ C E Travecs (Jesus, C) bt B G Streether (St Edmand Hall, O), 2 and 1; 3 Sharpe (Pitzwilliam, C) bt P L Osborn (Trinity Hall, C), 7 and 6; R J Esson (Christ Church, O) bt R H Bigley (Queens', C, 1 hote; T J Harmon (Magdalena, C) bt M P J Bonney (St John's, C) bt P R Newton (Exerch, O), 19th; R F Palmer (St John's, C) bt R C Philipse (Liscoin, Q), 1 hote; J E Bethrend (Corpus Christi, O) bt D L Boxder (Christ Church, O), 3 and 2; C J Weight (Jesus, C) bt IR H Pattinson (Pembroke, C), 4 and 3; J N Liffswood (New College, O) bt J E Bornett (Queens', C), 5 and 4; P Daveson (Corpus Christi, C), 1 th J J Maddalord (Pitzwilliam, C), 2 and 1; J G Parice (St Edmund Heat, O) bt N B Pepicov (Jesus,

### Johnstone adjusts

TONY Johnstone, competing on home ground for the first time since 1978, rose to the occasion with a sparkling 69. four under par, in the opening round of the Zimbabwe Open at Royal Harare Golf Club yesterday (a Special

Correspondent writes).
He lies level with two Britons, Jonathan Cheetham and Glyn Krause, a pupil of Mark James's coach, Gavin Christie, two shots behind the Swedes, Mats Sterner and Anders Haglund, Craig Cassels and David Wood follow on 70, two under par.

Johnstone, who finished runner-up to Simon Hobday in the Zimbabwe Open 14 years ago, is determined to redress the balance this week. He left the joint favourites, Mark McNulty and Hobday trailing after the decisions of both to change clubs just before the opening round -McNulty tried a different driver and Hobday a new putter, with which he took 36 putts - cost them respective scores of 72 and 75.

It's unbelievable to be back in Zimbabwe," Johnstone

# SNOW REPORTS Alpe D'Huez ....... 70 120 good open overcast n/a 22/12 (Generally good skiing; some upper runs closed due to high winds)

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Heavenly Valley ... 90 105 good open cold -8
(Light winds lower levels, becoming stronger on upper runs) Supplied by Sid Hotline. L and U refer to lower and upper slopes

and-out stand-off half, apart from the occasion he played at centre in the unofficial trial match two weeks ago. However slight these shifts

appear to be, doubts will be raised in the players' own minds about their suitability, which will inevitably preoccupy them before they attend to all the other questions that their opponents will pose. The first hurdle these players have to overcome, as indeed the team as a whole, is one of

In each of the three cases

the players have the basic skills to play in their changed positions. Jenkins can pass the ball as well, say, in the centre as he does at stand-off half. And to kick as effectively, too. Hall may be able to sidestep in his long-striding way equally effectively on the wing as in the centre. Indeed, if the opportunity arises, he will find there is more room to do so. Whether he can kick equally adeptly with his right as well as his left foot for the cross kick (almost a forgotten tactic, I notice) should be a

crucial factor in determining

GERALD DAVIES thrown to the front of the line, may find that the kind of mon practice nowadays in the middle of the line, is not so obstructive there.

But despite all this, they will be disorientated. The player's sense of balance on the field can be affected and his perspective changed. Whatever his talents, a player tends to feel more comfortable in one position than another. The simple act of running towards the line at a certain angle in open space "feels" better for a winger in his preferred position either on right or left. His alignment for the tackle will also differ.

Presumably because so many coaches were once forwards, they tend to dismiss these fussy differences in a cavalier way they would not possibly dare with the tight and loose-head props.

It is only one shift outwards for Jenkins but his line of running and that of the man opposite will be different in the centre. In locking, the field placings will have changed from the way he instinctively understood them to be at stand-off half. This sense of dislocation will occur for others, too.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

## Sutton to show their steel

BY WALTER GAMMIE

FARNBOROUGH Town visit Sutton Coldfield Town tomorrow for a first-round Vauxhall FA Trophy tie. "Upbe a bit of a culture shock for them," Gerry Shanahan, the Sutton Coldfield secretary, said. For Sutton Coldfield, of the

Beazer Homes League midland division, it provides a perfect opportunity to make a name for themselves at a time when Terry Lockley, appointed chairman two weeks ago. is blowing a gale of change through the club.

Lockley's services had long been sought by clubs in the Brimingham area but he had been committed to managing only the successful Sunday side run by his company. Altone Stainless Steels, until he took over a fortnight ago.

"When Sutton approached me, it came at the right time," Lockley, aged 36, said. "They are probably the largest and best run non-League club in the area and are five minutes from my home, which is convenient."

The new chairman's aims

are threefold - to improve fund-raising; bring the ground up to Beazer Homes premier division, and then GM Vauxhall Conference, Pearce's FA Cup giant-killers.
Phil Sharpe, the Sutton manager, a millionaire who standard; and raise attendances from their average of 170. "In my first week, I kick-started sponsorship for the club and pulled in £2,000,"

Persuading more people to Coles Lane may prove more difficult. Aston Villa, who are 20 minutes away, draw much support from the town.
"We must increase interest

in Sutton," Lockley said. "Down the road in Tamworth, they get crowds of nearly 1,000. They are near the bottom of the table and we are fourth." He plans a mailshot of 10,000 people advertising the club facilities.

Sutton proved their quality by reaching the first round of the Trophy, for only the second time, by beating Hayes the Diadora League club that knocked Fulham out of the FA Cup — and Cambridge City, the then leaders of the Beazer Homes League premier division.

Their forward line of Gary Smith, Lance Morrison and John Hunt is expected to provide the main threat to Ted

runs a tiling company, will miss the match. He married before Christmas and has been cruising in the Caribbean on honeymoon. "He's been ringing every so

often," Shanahan said. "We've been able to tell him that we haven't missed him. Under Alan Hampton, the assistant manager, we've won nearly every game since he's been away." Sharpe returns from Florida on Sunday.

Trophy holders, entertain Salisbury, of the Beazer Homes League southern division, who were beaten 7-1 by Famborough in the fourth qualifying round of the FA Kidderminster Harriers,

Wycombe Wanderers, the ionships.

the losing finalists last season, travel to Stompond Lane to play Walton and Hersham, of the Diadora League first Czechoslovakia, in the first

## Sabatini progresses in quick time

"I think I played very good.

I mixed up my game a lot," . Sabatini said after winning

12 consecutive games to take

the third-round match, which

she had opened by dropping

Sánchez Vicario overcame

a difficult first set to beat Barbara Rittner, of Ger-

many, 7-5, 6-0. Novotna,

her service.

Sydney: Gabriela Sabatini, the No. 1 seed, led the way as the top four women advanced to the quarter-finals of the New South Wales Open tournament yesterday without dropping a set.

The Argentine world No. 3 put on an awesome display to dispose of Sabine Hack, of Germany. 6-1, 6-0. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Jana nandez also progressed in

who had defeated the Span-Novoma and Mary Joe Feriard in last year's final, also stayed on course for a repeat performance with a formida-Connell into last eight

Auckland: Kelly Evernden, of New Zealand, and Grant Connell, of Canada, gained second-round victories yesterday, setting up a quarterfinal meeting in the New Zealand Open champ-

Evernden, a wild-card en-Connell was more consistent than Eltingh and his try, beat the Davis Cup player from Argentina, Christian service proved more reliable. Miniussi, 6-3, 6-3. Connell won a baseline battle with the Dutch qualifier, Jacco Eltingh, 64, 4-6, 6-3. Eltingh had surprised the top-seeded Karel Novacek, of

round. Evernden had a perfect start when he broke Miniussi's service in the opening game, and he was rarely in trouble, winning in 60 minutes with some controlled baseline play.

The 32-man tournament is one of a number of warm-up events before the Australian Open. (AP)

RESULTS: Second round: G Connell (Can) bt J Bilingh (Neth), 64, 46, 63; K Branden (NZ) bt C Ministel (Arg.), 63, 63,

French girl, Julie Halard. Fernandez, the fourth seed, had the most demanding obligation. The American had to overcome two opponents on another rain-delayed day

to make the last eight. The weather forced play to be suspended for around four hours but Fernandez still found time to beat her compatriot, Carrie Cunningham, 7-5, 6-4, and the tenth seed, Helena Sukova, of Czechoslovakia, 6-4 6-4.

In the men's tournament, the defending champion, Guy Forget, had an easy 6-1. 6-4, quarter-final victory over the 1989 winner, Aaron Krickstein, firing II aces including two to wrap up the match. "I don't know if I can serve any better than that," he said later.

The seventh seed, Emilio Sanchez, of Spain, beat Thomas Muster 6-3, 6-3. adding the Austrian's name to a list of losers headed by the top seed and Wimbledon champion, Michael Stich. and second seed Ivan Lendl. both first-round victims.

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**Australia** 

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Melbourne: Michael Bevan left-hand batsman, and Joe Scuderi, all-rounder, have been included in Australia's

Bevan, aged 21, shot to

Bevan, Scuderi and the

The selectors also included

Bruce Reid, the fast bowler

Simon O'Donnell, the Victorian all-rounder who was

another key player in 1987, will also need to prove his

fitness after dislocating his

stuttered to 160 for seven

from 47 overs, rain began

falling and ruled out any

Play was eventually aban-

doned before the Australian

innings started, allowing each side a point. Australia have nine points from six matches and are assured of a

place in the best-of-three

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# Premier League likely to run into further delay

THE Football Association had been expected to give its final blessing to the breakaway Premier League on Monday, but a further delay now appears inevitable, with the final agreement between the FA, the Football League and the first division clubs far from complete.

Yesterday, the Football League insisted that it was unable to approve the draft agreement which the FA circulated before Christmas, and suggested that the FA Council would also be forced

to delay any decision.

"It would clearly be quite inappropriate for the council to be asked on Monday to give its approval to the draft agreement, Arthur Sandford, the League's chief executive, wrote in his letter detailing the League's objections to Graham Kelly, his opposite

number at the FA. Such is the League's unhappiness that it has circularised its letter to council members. Yesterday. however, Kelly was eager to leave the door open.

"It is a draft for discussion

with interested parties." he said. "The Football League is" one interested party, and will have its observations. So will the first division clubs, and the council members themselves have not had an oppor-unity to débate it until Monday." That debate is likely to-be lively, with Sandford's three-page critique reinforc-ing the doubts of some councillors unhappy at the way the Premier League has been

Kelly expects the council will give the FA executive a mandate to press ahead, even if it is not yet time to sign and seal the delivery. Others are

## Premier clubs may lose Trust money

BY JOHN GOODBODY

CLUBS seeking to join the Premier League may not receive funding from the Football Trust for ground improvements because of the money that is expected to be generated in the new structure.

Robert Atkins, the minister for sport, is to be consulted. whether the Trust, which is-distributing £100 million over five years to help implement the recommendations of the Taylor Report, should aid the Premier League.

A meeting between the Trust and civil servants yesterday decided to ask the minister for a ruling on government policy. Peter Lee, the Trust secretary, said that, with the government, the Trust can give grant aid to clubs in the Football League

LUCIANO Pavarotti yester

day pledged his support for

British football's campaign to

raise £3.5 million for Action

and Research for Multiple:

Scierosis (Arms).
The singer, whose Nessun
Dorma became the anthem

of the 1990 World Cup, is

releasing a special single of O

Sole Mio, taken from his

Hyde Park concert last July,

to act as the theme tune for

the campaign. Pavarotti and

his record company, Decca, will make a donation to the

charity for each copy sold,

and he hopes to attend the FA

Cup final at Wembley in May

- not to sing, but to celebrate the end of the appeal.

Pavarotti's gesture was an-

nounced as the Nationwide

Building Society declared its commitment of £300,000 to

sponsor the campaign.

"We now need to get the government's view on what they want us to do with the Premier League," he said. "I think the more the Premier League talk about the vast new wealth that is going to be created, the more likely the government is to move towards the attitude that the Premier League does not need grant aid."

In his report on the Hillsborough disaster, Lord: Justice Taylor recommended that, for safety and comfort, there should be all-seat stadiums at first and second division clubs by the 1994-5 season and in the remaining

tubs by 2000.

The Football Association forcest annual revenue of £112 million for the Premier League, although this has been subsequently revised to £60 million.

Pavarotti backs campaign

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

The Football Against MS charity was conceived by the

Wallace brothers, Danny,

who plays for Manchester.
United, Ray and Rod, who
both play for Leeds United,
after a chance meeting with

Anita Best, the chairman of

campaign starts on Sunday,

when leading present and for-mer players set off on three walks that will visit all 131 clubs in the English and Scot-

tish leagues. The separate

romes start from Tottenham

Hotspur's White Hart Lane

ground, Selhurst Park, the

home of Crystal Palace and

Wimbledon, and Pittodrie,

where Aberdeen play.

Li A gamble taken by Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, paid off on Wednesday night when

The main initiative of the

less convinced. "I'm very happy that the council should discuss it, but it certainly shouldn't be accepted even in principle until there have been discussions with the Football League," Gordon McKeag, the chairman of the Football League's shadow board and an FA councillor,

"We certainly couldn't pos-sibly sign it in its present form."

The League is unhappy at the lack of consultation so far between the two bodies, and that four months after agree-ment was reached, the draft still has sizeable gaps. "It's as full of holes as a trellis fence." McKeag said.
The protests are centred on

access for the Football League clubs to the Premier League. The League believes that guarantees were given in September that promotion and relegation would be three-up and three-down as long as the new League was held at 20 clubs or above.

The draft agreement sug-gests that should be amended to two-up and three-down over the next two seasons, followed immediately by discussions between the Premier League and the FA over a further reduction to 18 clubs, "as soon as commercially

There is "no reference to consultation, let alone agreement, with the Football League on such a vital matter." Sandford said.

If three up and three down, which Sandford says is "the bedrock" of the September agreement, is maintained, it would not be possible for the Premier League to change its

There obviously must be some change on that, and if the Football League's propos-al of four-down and three-up would not be acceptable to the first division, it is possible that a compromise along the lines of making the change in one season, with four-down and two-up, might be the

Gary Lineker thrilled White

Hart Lane by scoring the

decisive goal in a 2-1 win over

Norwich City to earn the club its eighth appearance in the semi-finals of the Rumbelows

Cup. Lineker suffered a groin but

strain early in the match, but

Shreeves said: "Gary stayed

on for me because he is al-ways likely to score." Lineker,

though, is unlikely to be fit for

Tottenham's match against

Tottenham's other goal was scored by Paul Walsh, the

☐ Aston Villa, fearful that the condition of the Villa Park pitch might cost them the

chance to stage one of the FA

Cup semi-finals in April, are

planning to spread 20 tons of

green sand over the problem

Chelsea tomorrow.

man of the match.



## Vintage Douglas shows his old flair

BY RICHARD EATON

DESMOND Douglas, who has been resisting overtures to renew a famous England career at the age of 35, again showed he is still good enough to do so when he overcame the French inter-national, Didier Didier Mommessin, in the first

round of this country's pre-mier event; the English Open, sponsored by Cad-bury's Chocolate Break yes-terday. Douglas overwhelmed Mommessin 21-1 I, 21-9, 21-

17. The man who has won the English national title a record 11 times produced cushioning blocks to draw in

likely to have to repeat her two

victories over Susanne Müller

in Canada last month to stay

top of the World Cup butterfly

category in the second round

of the event at Leicester next

Of the two butterfly special-

ists, Campbell, aged 27, of the Portsmouth Northsea

club, is the more experienced

internationally and was World Cup butterfly champi-

Müller, aged 18, who

swam for East Germany as a

junior, was runner-up last

year, when Campbell was tak-

ing a break after the unusual

out-of-season world champi-

Friday and Saturday.

on in 1990.

the Frenchman, and then forced him back or wide with disconcertingly varied hits, all of which brought ripples of rather knowing approval from spectators of Douglas's home city at the National Indoor Arena in Birm-

ingham.
The legendary Yugoslav,
Dragutin Surbek, was still a force until he was almost 40. Douglas, easily the oldest player in the event, looks slim and slick enough to emulate him. At an age when reactions are usually dulled, his quicksilver game delighted his supporters.

Mommessin later watched his fiancée. Fiona Elliot, save four game points in the third

The presence of Nils Ru-

dolph and Stefan Caron, the

European record holder from

France, should raise the

chances of Mike Fibbens, of

Barnet Copthall, achieving

his aim of breaking the world

short-course record at 100

metres freestyle at the deep,

and therefore fast. St Marga-

Swimmers from what was

the Soviet Union include Eu-

ropean championship medal-

winners, Vladimir Selkov and

Eugenia Ermakova, aged 15,

from Alma-Ata. Also entered

are teams from China, Yugo-

slavia, Sweden, The Nether-

lands and New Zealand.

ret Baths.

SWIMMING

Campbell must defeat

Müller to stay top

MADELEINE Campbell is onships at Perth in January.

game to lead 2-1 before tir-ing and going down in five games 15-21, 21-17, 25-27, 21-16, 21-15 against Barbara Pushmann, from Germany. This was not surprising because, the night before in Solihull, Elliot had played three times in a fivehour battle in England's 4-3 European league defeat by

There were fine first-round comebacks, one by Alan Cooke, England's former Commonwealth champion, and the other by Xie Chaojie, China's Finnish Open cham-pion. Both are seeded in the 9-16 category, but may have started jaded after their long tour around the country during the England-China

Cooke was two games German qualifier who was dangerous only as long as his left-handed loop was allowed to explode bombshells into his opponent's backhand wing. Xie staged a similar comeback against Colum Slevin, the Irish No. I. smashing his way out of trou-

rence of a groin injury sus-tained on the China tour and may also be unable to take his place for England in the team event, which begins on

down to Richard Prause, a

SOUAD: A R Border (captain), G R Marsh (noo-captain), M G Bevisi, D C Boon, D M Jones, F A Healy, M G Hughes, C J McDermott, G R J Matthews, T M Moody, S P O'Donnell, B A Raid, P R Reiffel, J C Scuders, M A Taylor, P L Taylor, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, M R Whitney, T J Zoeffer. ☐ Melbourne's dismal summer weather allowed West Indies to escape with one point as rain ruined their World Series Cup match against Australia yesterday. ble to prove the high After the West Indians had

Matthew Syed had a recur-

SKIING

### Williams retains his title in stylish form

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN LES ARCS

THE individual parallel sia- than two seconds, retained lom on Wednesday night at the English and Welsh univwon last year. ersity ski council championship provided some interesting racing on the floodlit piste in Les Arcs. Gareth Williams. of Manchester beat all his opponents in the head-to-

head races, including Max Crane Robinson, of Oxford. in the final. Serge Cornillar, one of the top French surfers, opened the men's slalom on his

snowboard, setting an impressive time for those on two skies to follow, Williams, however, continued his winning form and, by beating Justin Davies, of London, by more the combined title, which he

Williams, skiing in quickly formed ruts on the soft snow, dominated the race and, in the second run, was clear of his nearest opponent. Davies. by nearly five seconds.

Anna Lees Jones, of Cambridge, having won the individual stalom on Wednesday, completed the double with the giant slalom and also retained her combined title.

RESULTS: Women: Glant Statom (com-bried finnes after two runs). A Liess Jones (Cambridge), Imm 44.50sec, A Manson (London), 146.08, Massarek (London), 1.46.42. Men: Statom (combined after two runs). G Williams (Manchester), 1.32.83, J Denies (London), 1.38.41, P Ingle (Sheffield) 1.38.55

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-33, 2-97, 3-113, 4-129, 5-137, 5-144, 7-159. BOWLING: McDermott 90-25-2; Whitney 10-0-28-1, Moody 5-0-29-0; S R Waugh 8-0-19-0, Taylor 10-1-29-2; M E Waugh 5-0-18-0

### BOBSLEIGHING

### **Olsson and Sekwalor** take the two-man title

SEAN Olsson and his brakeman, Eric Sekwalor, won the British two-man championship in Austria yesterday to strengthen their hopes of competing in the Winter

Olympics next month. The pair achieved the two fastest runs, for a total time of 1min 47.20sec over the Igls course, and finished ahead of Nick Phipps and David Armstrong, who recorded 1 min 47.67sec.

Mark Tout, who has aiready been pre-selected for

Albertville, was third with his brakeman, Lenny Paul, in 1min 47\_85sec.

Cory Brown, the Britain team manager, said: "This is a very positive result and I am pleased for Sean. He is our youngest international driver and has yet to show his full potential."

The Olympic squad will be selected following the four-man championship tomorrow and will be based on the combined results of the twoman and four-man events.

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL** 

## Kennan sad to leave

LARRY Kennan's decision to because it's you," Kennan leave London Monarchs, of said. the World League of Ameri-Football League (NFL), was "extremely difficult" (Richard

Wetherell writes). When Tom Flores, the Seahawks president, general manager and now head coach, first approached him Kennan was not interested. "I told him no but I will listen

Kennan agreed because can Football, for Seattle Flores gave him his first job in Seahawks, of the National the NFL Two weeks passed before he agreed to become the Seahawks offensive coordinator even though he "wasn't really looking to get

## BASKETBALL

BASIKE I BALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-finale: Group
A: Olyropique of Antibes (Fr): 119, Kalev
Tallin (Estonia) 114.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Celtion BB, New York Knicks 85;
Debroit Pistons 114, Sacramento Kings
95; Los Angeles Cippers 104, Indiana
Papers 105; Chicago Bulls 108, Mismesots Timbervictives 97; Philadelphia 76era
114, Houston Rocksts 104; San AntionioSpurs 103, Los Angeless Leiters 97;
Milwartoss Buchs 96, Utah Juzz 95;
Phoenix Suns 135, Deriver Naggets 114;
Orlando Magic 104, Seattle Supersonics
103.

**BOBSLEIGHING** ISLS, Austrie: British championships: Two-mar: 1, S Oleson and E Setwalor, Imin 47.20ec; 2, N Phippe and N Ametrog, 1:47.70; 3, M Tout and L Paul, 1:47.85.

BOXING

BURTON-ON-TRENT: Professional bill: Featherweight (5 mds): Nigel Matthews (Sreanses) ot Terry Cerl (Swanses), cos. Light (6 mds): Darren Morris (Birmanghem) bt Roctly Milton (London), pts. Cruisser (6 mds): Graham Ganase (Hastings) bt Paul McCarthy (Southempton), pts. Light-middle: Wally Swift (Soibuill) bt Randy Williams (US), pts.

WOMEN'S TOUR MATCH (at Devonpar Domain): England XI 142-8 (80 overs) (E Drumm 4-27); Northern Districts S1 (48) overs) (J. Chambertsin 5-25, C. Hodges 4-21), England won by 51 rurs. DARTS FRIMLEY GREEN: World champion-stric Quarter-finals: P Taylor (Eng.) bt M Philips (Wales), 40; J Lowe (Eng.) at G Maler (Eng.), 43.

SHOOTING back into the NFL".

Ray Wilsey, his replacement as Monarchs head coach, "will do a fantastic job", according to Keenan.

TRENTHAM, New Zealand: Warm-up match: 1, Scottle Thistie, 1,892 (430, 450, 407; T-Puvis 192, A Simpson 190; 2, London and Middleson, 1,888 (431, 428, 421, 408; M Kiritio Siscensitz: 183, J Dallas 187; 2, Scottle Heather, 1,684 (431, 422, 437, 394; I Brechet 190, J Sweet 189).



Phipps: runner-up in two-man bobsleigh

TABLE TENNIS TUROPEAN SUPER LEAGUE: Man: Sweden 4, Belgium 2. SOLTHULL: European women's league: England 3, Confederation of Independent States 4.

**TENNIS** ADELAIDE: Exhibition tournement (US unless stated): M Chang bt 3 Edbarg (Swe), 8-4, 7-8; J Courier bt P Sampres, 6-4, 6-2; Sampres bt J McEnroe, 6-7, 7-8, 8-

4, 6-2: Sampres bt J McEnroe, 6-7, 7-8, 6-3.
SYDNEY: New South Wates open championships: Men: Second round: J Hasek (Switz) bt R Kraicek (Nett), 6-4, 6-4; O Camporese (II) bt M Gustafason (Swe), 8-3, 7-8 Cuserbar-finela: G Forger (Fr) bt A Krickstein (US), 6-1, 6-4; E Sáschaz (Sp) bt T Muster (Justita), 6-3, 6-3 Women: Sacond round: M Fernandez (US) bt C Cumingham (US), 7-5, 8-3. Third round: J Movotins (Ca) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-27-5: A Huber (Ger) bt T Whitinger (US), 8-3, 6-4, 6-8 beltini (Arg) bt S Heck (Ger), 6-1, 6-0; A Sánchez Vicano (Sp) bt B Rittner (Ger), 7-5, 6-2; C Mertinez (Sp) bt A Frander (US), 6-4, 6-4, 1 Meelchi (Georgia) bt K Date (Japan), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; M Fernandez (US) bt H Saleon (C2), 6-4, 6-4; G Fernandez (US) bt H Saleon (C2), 7-6, 5-7, 6-3.

FOR THE RECORD A YOUTH CUP: Postponed: Cheisea v

Crystal Palace.
Late results on Wednesday
RUMBELOWS LEAGUE CUP: Querterfinals: Crystal Palace 1 Nottingham Forall 1; Leads United 1, Menchester United
3: Peterborough United 0, Meddiesbrough
0: Tottentham Hotspur 2, Norwich City 1,
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Becond division:
Charlton Athlete 2, Oxford United 2,
Fourth division: Madatione United 1,
Barnet 1.
B & O SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier
division: String Alborn 3, Hamilton
Academical 0, Second division:
Stranger 0, East Frie 2,
ZENTTH DATA SYSTEMS CUP: Northem section: Semi-final: Notts County 1,
Lercester City 2
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tion: Preliminary round: Scarborough 1.
Wigan Althelie 1.
DIADORIA LEAGUE: Premier division:
Chesham 4. Carshelton 0
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division:
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HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Wineford 0, Knowsley 2
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Asion Villa 0, Barraley 1; Blackburn Rovers
0, Liverpool 0; Botton Wanderers 3,
Bradford City 2, Newcastle United 1,
Sonderland 1, Becond division: Burrille
1, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Gramsby
Town 1, York City 2; Hall City 6,
Scunthorpe United 2; Port Vals 1, Stoke
City 2. Scuntherpo Unded 2: Port Vale 1, Sloke City 2. NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Brighton 1. Portsmooth 3, Fulhem 3, Oxford Unsed 2: Winsheldin 2. West Ham United D. CAWOODS COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Semi-final: Ards 0, Crusaders 3 WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Recentred D 1 avron Dramt 2

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Bisentford 0, Leyton Ornant 2 WOMEN'S TOUR MATCH: Millwell Lonesees 1, Australia Under-19 2. SPANISH KING'S CUP: First round: Resi Meding 4, Real Burgos C: Real Ovedo 1, Atlétoo Meding 0; Deportivo Lin Corufia 2, Ocassuma 3, Castellôn 2, Lografés 0; Berndorm 1, Sporting Gyôn 1; Real Bets 1, Athletic Bibbo. 1; Seville 1, Real Murca 1,

MATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Bullalo Sebres 4, Quebec Nordiques 2; Montreal Canadiens 3, Beaton Bruins 2, St Lour Bytes 5, New York Rengers 3; Winninger Jets 5, Edmonton Oders 2; Calgary Flamer 10, Sen Jose Sharks 3.

GOLF

SANCTUARY COVE, Australia: Sanctuary Cove Classuc First round (Australia unless stated). 87: Rafferty (58) 89: J. Woodland, R. Backwell, R. Toddi (Can). D. Ecob. 70: G. Norquezi (US), W. Case (US), D. Myone: (Can). M. Bradley (US). H. Baran (US), L. Tinifar 71: G. Kenny, M. Roberts, O. Moore. P. Fowler. P. Sanor. T. Gale. T. Nakayama (Jaran). Z. Zone., M. Harmood, B. Ogie 72: A Forsbrand (See). A. Stoltz, A. Pamter. L. Brown (US). C. Warren, H. Napaslake (Japan). T. Noble (NZ). G. Boros (US). R. Darvis, J. Ozala: (Japan). T. Nishikawa (Japan). T. Watsnebe (Japan). W. Hiley, T. Proce, M. Clayton, L. Stephen HARARIE: Zmbabave Open: First round (GB and breisnd unless stated). 87: A. Johnstone (Zm), J. Chestmam, G. Krause SS: D. Wood, C. Cassella, 70: P. Affleck, D. Westermark. (Swe). B. Kestes (Zmi). 71: P. Taticoi, M. Lirhon, C. Singleton (Zm), J. McHerry, C. Maltman, M. McChilly (Zem), R. Fish, D. Stirling, 72: L. Lassalle (Fr). P. Carrigal, M. Nichles, J. Sewel, L. Vannet, P. Mayo, G. Meter (Zim), J. G. Cambon (Fr), T. Caims (Zim). P. Njiru (Kenya), P. Fulke (Swe), G. Indoor (Sp), Q. Dabson (Fr)

HOCKEY CRYSTAL PALACE INDOOR LEAGUE: Houslow B. Surbton 13: Old Kingstonians 3, Old Williamsonians 3, Old Loughtonians 19, Purley 3

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Third division: Brainley 44. Trafford Borough 5. SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Prelimi-

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL BORD GAIS LÉAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians v St Patrick's Ashletic (7 30) OTHER SPORT

DARTS: Embassy world championship (Firmley Green). SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit Classic TABLE TENNIS: English Open

### IN BRIEF

### Fillip for **England**

Joanne Muggeridge, En-gland's No. 2 badminton player, improved her chances of qualifying for the Olympic Games when she reached the quarter-finals of the women's singles in the Taiwan Masters yesterday. Muggeridge beat Amanda Hardy, of Australia, 11-5, 11-1.

Darren Hall, the England No. 1. lost to Hermawan Susanto, of Indonesia.

Top earner Harvey Baseball: Bryan Harvey has become the top-paid relief pitcher after agreeing to an £8 million, four-year contract with the California Angels.

Cape Town option Rallying: Cape Town could be the finish point of the former Paris-Dakar rally every two years, organisers said yesterday. The race ends for the first time in South Africa

Five-wicket haul

Cricket: Jo Chamberlain. the England opening bowler, took five wickets to help England to their second convincing victory over Northern Districts when they won by 51 runs yesterday.

Thanks to a miserly spell of

off-spin bowling from Peter Taylor, Australia held the whip hand, reining in the score after Havnes had given West Indies hope with a fine

AUSTRALIA: G R March, D C Boon, D M Jones, M E Waugh, S R Waugh, T M Moody, "A R Border, †i A Healy, P L Teylor, C J McDermolt, M R Whitney.

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# Fretting Smith tormented by his lack of runs

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN AUCKLAND

IN THE past two years, Rob-in Smith has been around the Caribbean, and then across Australia, vainly seeking to reproduce his formidable form in England. He must now be beginning to worry that New Zealand could prove equally barren terri-

As the England party flew back to Auckland last night to prepare for tomorrow's oneday international, the form of Smith was a more pressing concern than either of the other disappointments in Napier, an injury to David Lawrence and a missed oppor-tunity for a third win of the

The chance of victory had ebbed away, as much because of Lawrence's absence with a side strain as the obduracy of the Minor Associations' batsmen, by the time England began their second innings and Smith was sent in first with Fairbrother.

It was a tactic designed purely to play the pair into form. In Smith's case, it falled abjectly. He was yorked, for four, by the first ball he faced from the part-time seam bowler, Rutherford, and now has an aggregate of 63 nuns in four innings on the tour.

He does not look out of touch and in each innings he has struck the ball fluently, if only briefly. But Smith is a self-confessed fretter and the spectre of his failures overseas will already be troubling him.

You could see as much when the game ended, England settling for a draw after sinking without dignity to 24 for three. While the rest of the players packed and changed for their flight north, Smith returned to the middle for extra practice. The bowling of some willing young locals was thrashed to all parts while Gooch looked on with

sympathy.
"It is disappointing for Robin that he hasn't got a score yet," Gooch said. "You don't get confidence, as a batsman, unless you score runs in the middle. You can't compare it to nets."

Smith is uncomfortably aware of the vast discrepancy

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between his record in England and abroad. At home, he has scored six Test centuries and has an average of 63. On tour, his Test average is 32 and his top score only 62.

became a desolate figure as confidence deserted him and technical errors were exaggerated. In the one-day internationals there, he mustered only 104 runs from eight starts. Bombarded by well-meaning but conflicting advice, his game looked in crisis. And yet, only a few months later and back on home soil. he was making two heroic centuries against West Indies and averaging 80 during the Test summer.

Smith has arrived on this tour lean and fit. During the Napier match he ran the mile from ground to hotel each evening carrying weights in each hand. He is utterly intent that his third tour will reveal the real Robin Smith. So far, it has not.

'You can look at it two ways when this happens to a good player," Gooch said. "You either think he is out of form or he is due to fire. If I was in the New Zealand camp I would be worried it was the latter. I'll tell you one thing, when he does get going, they will know about it!"

England's consolation is that New Zealand have more than one leading batsman struggling. Crowe and Greatbatch are both short of runs as the international season begins and it remains unclear



Smith: needs runs

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opening with Wright. For tomorrow's game, the first in a series of three, it might be either Crowe or Jones, but a likelier choice is Latham, who A year ago, in Australia, he made 80 for his province, Canterbury, in a cup semi-final on Wednesday.

Likewise, Gooch remained coy last night about who his partner will be tomorrow. He did not rule out the possibility that Hick may displace Stewart, after two successive centuries, or that Stewart might lose the wicketkeeping gloves

The pitches here are so slow that the tone of the overs cricket is different from elsewhere. New Zealand tend to set a ring field, with nobody deep, daring a batsman to hit the ball over the top. The slower the bowling, the harder it often proves to get away, so England will not only indude Tufnell but may be tempted to use Hick's off spin and Gooch's slow-medium

swing.
Although several of the party have suffered knocks and strains, only Lawrence is dis-counted from selection — and he would not have played

Lawrence left the field after four overs on the final morning at Napier and has been advised to rest for a couple of days. He may still play in Nelson on Monday, the last first-class game before the Test series, but he would not be risked if it meant jeopardising his Test prospects. He is now too impor-

Without their strike bowler. Napier pitch stubbornly declining to give the spin bowlers any assistance. he knew and some he had not previously imagined, finished with four wickets, and six in the game for the second time this week, but a last-wicket stand of 50 put the game beyond England.

Left with 85 minutes and a target of 153, England not only lost Smith but also Ramprakash and Pringle at the end of a deflating day.

SCOREBOARD MINOR ASSOCIATIONS XI: First Innings 245 (K R Rutherford 64: D V Lawrence 5 for 52).

Second Innings
M Lamont & Ramprakash b Hick ... 30
K A Westleams Rev b Reeve ... 12
B A Young c Hick b Tutnell ... 80
M Hart libe b Tutnell ... 0
K R Rutherford b Tutnell ... 0
G E Bradburn & Reeve b Pringte ... 28
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FALL OF WICKETS, 15, 2-10, 3-24
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## body, we hope, will report for training today in a posi-Wattana takes safe route

BY PHIL YATES

JAMES Wattana inflicted the first whitewash of John Parrott's nine-year professional snooker career with a 5-0 victory over the world and United Kingdom champion in the quarter-finals of the Mercantile Credit Classic at the International Centre, Bournemouth, yesterday.

Wattana, aged 21, from Thailand, monopolised the points-scoring opportunities and dominated the safety play as he avenged a 9-7 defeat by Parrott in the semifinal of the UK Open two months ago.

Parrott, who was attempting to capture his third ranking title of the season, said: "I didn't play badly, I just wasn't allowed to get involved. I waited and waited but the openings never came my way. His safety game has im-

Wattana, quoted at 50-1 by some bookmakers to become the first person to deny Parrott a frame in 265 profes-sional matches, established a 3-0 lead by employing blocking safety and, when given the opportunity, making deci-sive breaks of 37. 31 and 37.

An extravagant plant, as the two reds involved were more than a foot apart. helped Wattana embark on a 55 break in the fourth frame, and although Parrott replied with a run of 23, his highest of the match, he could not complete a full recovery.

The interval failed to interrupt Wattana's flow. On the resumption, keeping faith with his patient approach, he comfortably prevailed in the fifth frame to progress into a best-of-11 frame semi-final tonight against either Stephen Hendry, the world

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No. 1, or Martin Clarke. Wattana, who has now beaten all the top 16 - with the exception of Neal Foulds ~ on at least one occasion, was typically modest about his success. "I didn't expect this," he said. "I froze John out early on and enjoyed a bit of

Tom Moran, who signed a management contract with Wattana 12 months before his client's triumph in the 1988 world amateur championship, was more forthcoming. He said: "James is getting better all the time. His ability is phenomenal. He has made 49 maximum breaks now and is achieving the results we expected because he has gained experienced of

playing the top players." RESULTS: Cuarter-final: J Wattens (Thei) bt J Parrott (Eng), 5-0



Tee time: David Meacher drives at the third hole in his second-round match against Paul Stobart in the President's Putter at Rye yesterday. Meacher went through to the next round when Stobart retired injured. Report, page 30. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

their first loss for three

"The players must show character during the game on Sunday," the Leeds manager said. "They have to prove to ne ano, more important ly, to themselves that they can deal with defeat as well as with victory."

Manchester United did so in such convincing style that Alex Ferguson was particu-larly gratified. "We are back in the form we showed in

we'd fost and played well, at least I would have known that the Queen's Park Rangers defeat was out of our system.

"We have an advantage now. We have no fears about being able to put on another performance against Evenon at Old Trafford on Saturday that will keep the ball rolling. We could have gone three games without a win but that

has got us going again." Although the impetus was provided initially by Clayton Blackmore with a spectacular free kick, he may not retain his place at left back. Irwin's recovery is almost complete and he promises to return if not tomorrow, then in the rearranged FA Cup third

Ferguson, who will again soon be spoiled for choice, paid special tribute to Andrei Kanchelskis, Paul Parker and Peter Schmeichel, the newest members of his line-up. All three have fitted in nearly and quickly to reinforce the team powerful enough to claim the Cup Winners' Cup last season. "The European success helped them." he said. "but the players a benefit of a year to settle in at this club. Some have not done so at all but others have settled in straight away. We've been lucky on that score."

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## Setback must be used as a stimul

DEFEAT is never easy to accept, especially when it is at the hands of your archrivals. That is why we in the Leeds United team were so despondent after Manchester United had beaten us in the quarter-finals of the Rumbelows Cup.

By STUART JONES

MANCHESTER United, in

winning a sparkling Rumbelows Cup quarter-fi-

nal at Elland Road on Wed-

nesday, confirmed that they

have the resilience to comple-

ment their ability. Now it is

the turn of Leeds United to

demonstrate whether they.

too, have the necessary spirit

They must do so in another

northern duel, in the first

division fixture to be televised

live at Hillsborough on Sun-

day when they will be without

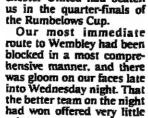
As Manchester United

were missing Bryan Robson

and Denis Irwin in midweek.

one or two principal figures.

to respond to adversity.



Every footballer deals with defeat in his own way. Generally speaking, the younger players take it to heart, whereas the older ones take a more philosophical approach to it - it is the

next match that counts.

If morale is low, then it has to be raised. There is no time to mope around and Our next match is at Sheffield Wednesday at

Hillsborough on Sunday in front of a live television audience. In many ways, this is the ideal antidote for the disappointment of Wednes-

captain, and left back. A gash

in Gordon Strachan's shin

had to be stitched, although

Tony Dorigo was considered

the more serious casualty. He

limped off with a twisted

David Batty, whose tenac-ity in midfield is so essential,

is certain to be absent. His

suspension, which starts at

the weekend will once again

undermine the strength of the

squad, revealing, in the pro-

cess, a potential weakness in

their challenge for the title. It

will be tested by Sheffield

Wednesday, the club in third

place, but Howard Wilkinson

is more concerned about the

psychological damage which

may have been caused by

Once again, we will be scrutinised by the watching millions and there can be no better incentive for every-body to perform at his high-

We must use our defeat as a stimulus, just as Manchester United did Yesterday we had the day

after defeat by Queen's Park Rangers on new year's day. off, a chance to collect our thoughts and analyse our own performances so we can focus on Sunday. Every-

Rumbelows Cup defeat tive state of mind. We will have a light session and attempt to rid ourselves of the aches and pains picked up

Lee Chapman on how Leeds

United can recover from its

on Wednesday. With so many games period, there is little chance to do anything but train and

Tomorrow, we will probebly have a team meeting, in which, no doubt, the manager will raise any relevant points arising from our

If things take their usual course, this will be followed by a tactical session involving set-piece rehearsals. We will then be bound for a hotel in Sheffield for an overnight stay before the

nearest rivals.

who won the Volvo Masters

in Spain in October to move

The match against Shef-field Wednesday, who are third in the table behind us and Manchester United, will have added significance for our manager, Howard Wilkinson, and Mel. Sterland and me. We all spent several happy years at the club. No matter what the circumstances of your departure, it is always nice to do well against a former

It will be my second re-turn to Hillsborough since I left nearly four years ago. The first was one I would like to forget. Then, I was playing for Nottingham Forest against Liverpool in the FA Cup semi-final. After a few minutes, the game was stopped due to problems at the Leppings Lane end. The rest was tragedy, and none of us will ever forget that

On a personal note, I hope our next match will help me forget the humbling experience of being substi-

something I am used to nor do I want to become so. I accept that at 3-1 down, the manager had to try and change the course of the game but I wish he had not withdrawn me to do it. My initial reaction was one of extreme disappointment. It was very strange sitting

in the dug-out and watching the final 25 minutes played without me. it was rather ironic that this period saw more crosses delivered into United's penalty area than we had seen in the previous. So Sunday is crucial for

many reasons. A good result will set us up for our final confrontation with Man-chester United on Wednesday in the FA Cup.

Anything less might give us an inferiority complex. I am confident this will not happen and that we will have learnt some valuable lessons from our defeat.

## Rafferty replies with lead

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Sanctuary Cove, Australia: Ronan Rafferty overcame rankings, was five shots off memories of some of his worst the lead after an even-par 72. moments in golf to take the Woodland provided the first-round lead at the Sancshot of the day with a fourtuary Cove classic here yesteriron hit that covered 188 day. The British golfer, who yards to find the hole for an suffered the most dismal pereagle two at the 412-yard pariod of his professional career last year in Australia, shot a

five-under-par 67 to finish the day two strokes ahead of his "It was a functional round. i didn't do anything special but I got four good up and downs and those things help keep a round going," Rafferty said. Three Australians, Jeff Woodland, Richard Backwell and David Ecob and the Canadian, Rick Todd, all shot 69 to share second place. The defending champion. Rodger Davis, of Australia,

to tenth in the world four 15th Backwell however endured the day's hard-luck tale, when, at six under par and on target to share the course record of 65, his round went astray at the awkward 143-yard par-three seventh.

His four-iron tee shot went left, lodging between two rocks at the front of the green. In his efforts to recover from the situation. Backwell clipped one of the rocks on his downswing, suffering the indignity of missing the ball-Another shot and two more putts later, he had dropped from six under and the tournament leader to three under."I would have been better had the ball landed in the water." Backwell said. ...

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